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41-member rescue team sent to Venezuela

New Delhi: Two IAF C-17 Globemaster aircraft carrying humanitarian supplies and a 41-member rescue team departed on Friday for Venezuela to assist the relief and rescue efforts in the earthquake-hit country, where the death toll was close to 600 while thousands of others were missing | PTI | P9,12

VHP denies rumour on resignation of Champat Rai

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AMID intense speculation over the resignation of Vishwa Hindu Parishad vice president and Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra general secretary Champat Rai following the arrest of eight persons over donation theft, VHP spokesperson Vijay Shankar Tiwari on Friday emphatically denied it.

Tiwari pointed out that Rai had fully cooperated with the Special Investigation Team (SIT) set up by the UP government to probe the matter, adding he did not figure in the police FIR that identified the eight accused persons.

He also said the VHP hasn't sought Rai's arrest, suggesting it was a media creation. Those who hurt the Hindu faith must not be spared but the innocent should not be proceeded against either, he added.

The eight accused — Ramashankar Yadav alias Tinnu, Lavkush Mishra, Anukalp Mishra, Avinash Shukla, Manish Yadav, Ramashankar Mishra, Subhash Chandra Srivastava and Karunesh Pandey — were produced before Chief Judicial Magistrate Nivedita Singh, who remanded them in judicial custody till Monday.

Relief for lakhs as CBSE eases language policy

Class 7-9 students can keep existing combo of two foreign languages till Class 10: CBSE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN a major relief to lakhs of CBSE students currently studying in Classes 7-9 and have opted for two foreign languages under the three-language policy, they will be allowed to continue with the same language combination until Class 10, board officials said on Friday.

The clarification comes a month after the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) announced that Class 9 students would be required to study three languages, of which two must be native Indian languages, from July 1 as part of the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020.

The announcement had prompted concerns among students and parents, with several approaching the courts against the board's order.

Explaining the new position, a senior CBSE official said the requirement to study at least two Indian languages would be implemented prospectively from Class 6 and would not apply retrospectively to students already enrolled in Classes 7 to 9. "An official notification clarifying the same will be issued soon," the official said.

In a circular issued on May 15, the CBSE had stated that until dedicated R3 (third language) textbooks are available, Class 9 students should use the Class 6 R3 textbooks (2026-27 edition) for their chosen language.

The language policy forms part of the board's effort to align its scheme of studies with NEP 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education 2023.

Under the May circular, students opting to study a foreign language may do so only as the third language after studying two native Indian languages or as an additional fourth language.

New NCERT book hails judiciary

Months after a Class 8 NCERT textbook courted controversy for allegedly maligning the judiciary, a new Class 9 book describes it as an 'impartial & independent institution that safeguards citizens' rights and upholds the spirit of the Constitution'. The new social science book talks about various functions of the judiciary, stating that it plays a vital role to protect democracy

A year on, govt recognises 6 soldiers killed in Op Sindoor

OPERATION SINDOOR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

MORE than a year after Operation Sindoor, the government has officially recorded the names of the six military personnel who made the supreme sacrifice during the four-day war by including them in the roll of honour at the National War Memorial. It marked the first official recognition of fatalities in the conflict.

The names have been inscribed on the Tyag Chakra (Circle of Sacrifice) at the War Memorial in New Delhi. The monument comprises 16 concentric granite walls bearing the names, ranks and units of personnel who laid down their lives since Independence.

The martyrs are Subedar Major Pawan Kumar of HQ 10 Infantry Brigade, Rifleman Sunil Kumar of 4 JAKLI, Lance Naik Dinesh Kumar of 5 Field Regiment, Agniveer Mood Muralinaik of 851 Light Regiment, Havildar Sunil Kumar Singh of 237 Field Workshop Company and Sergeant Surendra Kumar of No 39 Wing of the Indian Air Force. Two of the six were decorated with gallantry awards. Rifleman Sunil Kumar was posthumously awarded the Vir Chakra, India's third-highest wartime gallantry award, while Sergeant Surendra Kumar was awarded the Vayu Sena Medal.

The names of the six soldiers on Wall 3D under the 2025 Roll of Honour | PTI

Mood Muralinaik is the only Agniveer to lose his life during Operation Sindoor.

Naik was killed in Pakistani shelling in Poonch on May 9, 2025. His death has since become the subject of a legal tussle before the Bombay High Court, where his family has sought parity in pensionary and welfare benefits with the regular soldiers.

Operation Sindoor was launched on May 7 last year, in response to the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam that killed 26 civilians.

Indian armed forces struck nine terror-linked sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir associated with Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba.

TRIPLE MURDER

2nd accused Kenneth held in Puducherry

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

J KENNETH (26), the co-accused in the KR Puram triple murder case, was arrested while he was drinking at a bar in Puducherry around 10 pm on Thursday.

Ten special teams from the Whitefield police division and three from the Puducherry police secured his arrest in a joint operation.

J Kenneth

An official attached to the Puducherry police was tipped off about Kenneth by the staff of the bar, which is situated at Anna Salai in Puducherry. When the police officer arrived at the bar along with his team, Kenneth assaulted a police officer and started running.

The police team gave him a chase for nearly half-a-kilometre and apprehended him. P3

VICTORY FOR AGES

Ecuador stun Germany to squeeze into the last 32 of the World Cup on Thursday while Netherlands, Japan, Australia and Ivory Coast also advance. A look...

FIFA AGOAL Americas RUSH!

National delight Ecuador pulled off a memorable show to beat Germany. So much so that Daniel Noboa, Ecuador President, declared Friday a national holiday, highlighting what this win meant for the country and its people. Gonzalo Plata was the hero of the tie as he netted the decisive goal 13 minutes from time, helping the team win 2-1 and advance to the knockouts. Despite the defeat, Germany finished as Group E winners. P15

TODAY'S MATCHES

Group L: Panama vs England; Croatia vs Ghana (both at 2:30 AM*). **Group K:** Colombia vs Portugal; DR Congo vs Uzbekistan (5 AM*). **Group J:** Algeria vs Austria; Jordan vs Argentina (7:30 AM*). **LIVE ON** United8 Sports & Zee5 (*IST Sunday)

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• **Saturday:** 27.06.2026 • **Year:** Parabhava • **Ayana:** Uttharayana • **Ritu:** Greeshma • **Masa:** Nija Jyeshta • **Paksha:** Sukla • **Tithi:** Thrayodasi 12.10 am • **Nakshatra:** Anuradha 10.26 pm • Moon in Dhanur Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 09:00 am to 10:30am • **Gulikakala:** 06:00 am to 07:30 am • **Yamaganda:** 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER — MIN 21°C | MAX 31°C
FORECAST Increasing cloudiness

Sunrise 05.56 am | Sunset 06.49 pm | Moonrise 04.46 pm | Moonset 03.27 am

COMMUTER'S METAL CHAIN CAUSED CUBBON METRO DISRUPTION: PROBE

Incident occurred at 7.36 pm when train doors failed to close properly

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A COMMUTER'S metal chain lodged in a train door guideway caused the temporary disruption of Metro services at Cubbon Park Metro Station on the Purple Line on Thursday evening, according to the preliminary investigation by the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL).

The incident, which occurred between 7.36 pm and 7.54 pm, resulted in the train doors failing to close properly, briefly affecting Metro operations. Following the incident, BMRCL's Operations and Maintenance teams carried out an inspection of the train and its door systems.

The investigation found that the obstruction caused by the commuter's metal chain prevented the doors from closing. BMRCL clarified that the train and its door mechanisms did not suffer any technical malfunction.

The metal chain that prevented the Metro train doors from closing | EXPRESS

The corporation said all mandatory safety protocols were followed before the train was cleared to resume service. Reiterating that passenger safety remains its highest priority, BMRCL said it remains committed to providing safe, reliable and efficient Metro services to commuters.

Worker electrocuted during Metro work outside Trinity

A 50-year-old labourer was electrocuted after coming in contact with a live electric cable while carrying out pit excavation for Namma Metro pillar lighting outside Trinity Metro Station on MG Road on Friday afternoon.

The deceased has been identified as Guruappa, a daily wage labourer and a resident of Jigani in Bengaluru Rural district.

According to the jurisdictional Halsuru police, Guruappa was using a drilling machine at 3.52 pm near pillar number 153 when he came in contact with a live electric cable and suffered an electric shock. He was immediately shifted to the St Philomena's Hospital where doctors declared him brought dead, the police said. However, no case was registered yet.

According to the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL), the victim was a contract labourer employed by MR Electricals, the contractor executing the Namma Metro pillar lighting works. The exact cause of the incident is being ascertained, and authorities are conducting a detailed investigation, BMRCL said. BMRCL also expressed condolences for the bereaved family.

Collect garbage in evenings in waste-heavy areas: Rao

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IDENTIFY areas that are facing persistent garbage issues and deploy auto tippers wherever necessary, even during evening hours for timely waste collection, directed Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao to officials. He inspected various locations under the Bengaluru South City Corporation (BSCC) on Friday and emphasised that cleanliness in the area must be maintained at all times. He directed officials to prevent roadside dumping of waste.

He also appealed to local residents to volunteer by informing the Corporation whenever garbage accumulates in any locality or if auto tippers fail to arrive on time. Upon receiving such information, Corporation staff will immediately visit the location and resolve the issue.

GBA Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao and other officials during an inspection drive in Koramangala on Friday | EXPRESS

He stated that permanent resolution of the city's garbage problem is possible only with active public participation and that citizens must work in partnership with the Corporation to effectively eliminate waste management issues.

He called upon volunteers engaged in waste management to create awareness among the public against dumping garbage on roadsides. "If anyone is found littering in public places, the matter should be immediately reported to the Corporation officials. Strict penalties will be imposed on those violating the rules," he said.

To address garbage issues in and around Yelachenahalli, the Chief Commissioner instructed officials to identify suitable vacant land and take up the construction of a Transfer Station on priority.

Deploy 40 workers and expedite Ejipura Flyover

Observing that the Ejipura Flyover project was progressing slowly, the Chief Commissioner instructed the contractor to deploy additional manpower and expedite the work. He directed that at least 40 workers be deployed daily for the construction of the portal frame and ensure completion of the project within the stipulated timeline.

CITY SCHOOL IN GLOBAL TOP 10 SHORTLIST FOR ENVIRON ACTION AWARD

EuroSchool Bannerghatta has been shortlisted in the world's Top 10 schools in the environmental action category for the World's Best School Prizes 2026, organised by T4 Education. The school is one of seven Indian institutions to feature across the Top 10 shortlists this year. The recognition was given for the school's environmental initiatives, which includes integrating sustainability into campus planning. The awards are presented across five categories -- community collaboration, environmental action, innovation, overcoming adversity and supporting healthy lives. **ENS**

RGUHS to mark 31st Foundation Day with call for drug-free India

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RAJIV Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) is set to mark its 31st Foundation Day on Sunday with a push towards creating a drug-free India.

As part of the celebrations, the institute will launch the 'Nasha Mukt Bharat' campaign in collaboration with Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and Dishabodh Foundation at Kanteerva Stadium where 25,000 students and staffers will take part.

Vice President CP Radhakrishnan will be the chief guest of the event, while Governor Thawaarchand Gehlot will preside over the function. Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and Andhra Pradesh Governor S Abdul Nazeer will take part.

At a press conference on Friday, RGUHS Vice Chancellor Dr Bhagavan BC announced multiple programmes to combat the issue of drug abuse among students.

The Nasha Mukt Bharat and organ donation awareness campaigns have reached 15 districts in the state.

Committees have been formed in every affiliated college to tackle drug abuse on campus and to ensure that there is no availability of drugs around the campus, the VC said.

Dr Bhagavan said they will focus on preventive measures rather than reactive ones, and while disciplinary action will be taken against students found using drugs, they will also provide mental health facilities involving psychologists and psychiatrists to help the students rehabilitate.

A new project, Bheemanakuppe Research Centre, which will house the RAGUPATRGUHS Placement and Training Cell, was also announced.

VP ON TWO-DAY VISIT TO CITY FROM TODAY

Vice President CP Radhakrishnan will be on a two-day visit to Bengaluru from Saturday. He will take part in the 517th birth anniversary celebrations of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda in the city on Saturday. On Sunday, Radhakrishnan will attend the Nasha Mukt Bharat conclave, to be organised as part of the Foundation Day of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) and the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking programme.

Traffic curbs around Kanteerava Stadium

Traffic congestion is expected around Kanteerava Stadium on Saturday from 6 am to 2 pm, as over 15,000 people are expected to attend a programme commemorating "Nasha Mukt Bharat" (Drug-Free India) and the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

According to the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP), slow-moving traffic is likely on Seshadri Road, Nrupathunga Road, KG Road, KB Road, Vittal Mallya Road and RRMR Road due to the large gathering and the movement of dignitaries attending the programme.

Parking will be strictly prohibited on Seshadri Road, Nrupathunga Road, KG Road, KB Road and Vasantha Mahal Road. Participants attending the event have been advised to park their vehicles at the designated parking facilities, including St. Joseph's High School Ground, the Multi-Level Car Parking (MCP) at Freedom Park and Gate No. 4 of Bangalore Palace Grounds.

Biker in ICU as branch falls on him

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A 53-year-old two-wheeler rider was severely injured when a dry tree branch fell on his head on Ram Mandir Road in Rajajinagar.

CCTV footage of the incident, which happened on June 24, showed Suresh, an employee at a finance firm, riding his two-wheeler without a helmet and collapsing after the branch falls directly on his head. Suresh, who loses consciousness, falls right in the middle of the main road with his bike. Passersby rushed him to a hospital where he is said to be undergoing treatment in the ICU.

Though the Greater Bengaluru Authority claims to be pruning trees and removing dead branches, local residents claimed that their repeated complaints to remove dead trees and branches have been ignored.

They said many tree branches are weak and are standing with the support of cables and could fall anytime leading to more such incidents.

The video of the incident, which has gone viral on social media, has attracted widespread criticism from netizens who slammed the GBA for playing with the lives of people.

GBA forest wing officials visited the spot. The Rajajinagar police have registered a non-cognisable report.

LURKING DANGER

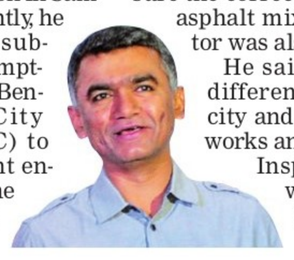
The damaged stretch on the busy road between RR Nagar and BU Junction is a warning sign for motorists | VINOD KUMAR

Contractors must be positive contributors to B'luru: KBG

SANATH KADALAYIL @Bengaluru

BENGALURU Development Minister Krishna Byre Gowda Gowda told TNIE that he hopes to inspire civic officials and contractors to perform their projects honestly on site. "Contractors are a necessary part of development, which is why accountability must apply to them too. We have to convince them to be positive contributors. It will hopefully lead to better governance and better delivery of services to people," he said.

During an inspection in Sampangiramnagar recently, he found work to be substandard, which prompted him to direct the Bengaluru Central City Corporation (BCCC) to suspend the assistant engineer concerned. The AE, Poojarappa, who was supposed to oversee the asphalting work, was allegedly colluding with the contractor, who failed to ensure the correct proportion of asphalt mix. The contractor was also blacklisted.



He said, "I will visit different parts of the city and check ongoing works and their quality. Inspections alone will not solve the problem. They are part of efforts to improve the system."

"Some accountability has to be brought into the system. We are open to suggestions from everyone. We will try to work with all stakeholders for a better Bengaluru," he said, asked if Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya's demands were feasible.

Surya's has demanded a white paper within 30 days on the funds spent on road repair works over the last three years, and a live infrastructure dashboard within 60 days with a timeline, budgets, and contractors before the next Rs 2,000 crore is allocated towards road work.

Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has allocated Rs 2,000 crore to develop roads across all Assembly constituencies in the city. The roads will be taken up based on suggestions made by ward level officials and elected representatives.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

27th June : Error and Trial You are not to blame. You were only trying to solve a problem. You gave it your best shot with the knowledge, resources and ability you had at the time. Now you know what doesn't work. The bold Sagittarius moon forms lucky fire sign trines, first to Saturn, then to Venus, emboldening resilience, self-forgiveness and the willingness to try again.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
In the same way a house can retain the emotional atmosphere of the people who lived there, environments absorb energy over time. You become more aware of which spaces nourish your spirit and which leave you feeling tired.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Yes, the good answers feel right and actionable. But you're also open to the wild-card solution that defies logic, yet inexplicably works. So switch off your reasonableness and let the intuition have a go at this.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
It would be pretty silly to define yourself only by a temporary setback, especially considering the positive contributions you've already made. You are generally moving toward deeper kindness and wisdom. Stay trained on that benevolent North Star.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
You'll receive the best kind of compliment -- one that identifies your essence. This isn't about stating the obvious on the surface of you; rather, someone speaks to the quality of your character and your way of being in the world.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
The return to known territory restores you. It's as though you're pulling up in a familiar driveway. The minute the tires touch this sacred pavement, your body relaxes. Yes, you are in a safe place -- a place like home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Pondering "who am I?" too much doesn't help a person to know themselves better. Because who you are isn't contained inside a thought process. It's proven in action. Do the verb and let the noun take care of itself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
The chemistry between people can be a weather system. The mere presence of someone changes the mood. Today, someone seems exciting to get to know, and there's no reason to do that too quickly. Draw it out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Remember when you felt pressured to make a choice, then later looked back to see many potential options you didn't initially notice? Don't accept the options others lay out for you as though they are the only ones.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Today points you toward a counterintuitive idea: Sometimes a goal fails not because it's too ambitious, but because it's actually too small for the reality surrounding it. Don't respond to obstacles by shrinking the dream.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Travel expands you in a way that can't be duplicated through any other experience. The place that calls to you will give you just what you need. Once you dedicate yourself to the idea, the financial part will work out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
For you, connecting with people is not a "set it and forget it" situation. You continue to build rapport with every interaction. And when the interactions are scant, you initiate the next one. It's why you're popular.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
One of the best ways to know another person is to walk beside them, listening openly and sharing whatever insights naturally arise. And if no words come, let your heart do the talking in its silent love language.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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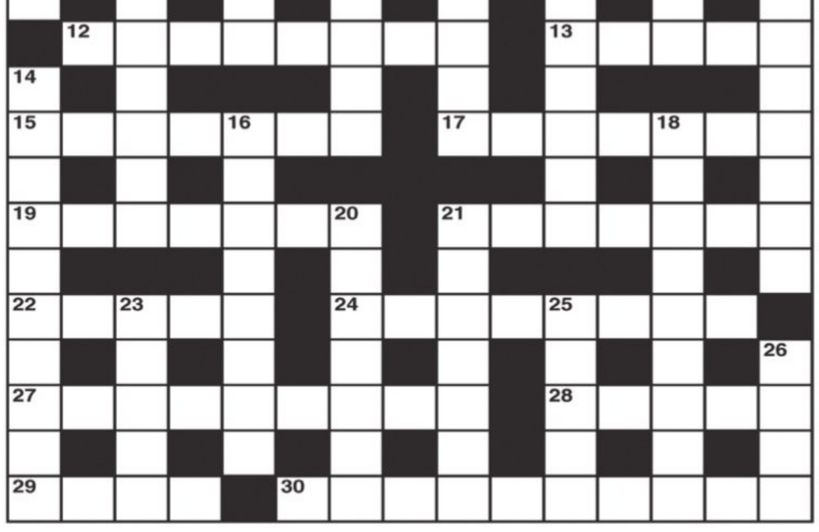

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Fats Waller's rippling cascades (10)
6 Quiet atmosphere of match (4)
10 Miss a blank space (5)
11 So in love as to be transformed in demeanour (9)
12 A diet put out for fitness (8)
13 Constructive member of society (5)
15 He reads about what paste does (7)
17 The case of the broken latches (7)
19 Meals for father in breaks from work (7)
21 Untidy fringe in which there's nothing alien (7)
22 Postmark said to be valued in Zurich formerly (5)
24 Ann becomes engaged to a lean historian (8)
27 Charge follows an agreement for an instrument (9)
28 Say there's nothing in sin (5)
29 Sunday; a day in Germany set aside for men (4)
30 Well-known way in which Christmas is enjoyed (10)

DOWN
1 Fold paper around a shawl (4)
2 Nothing unusually posh in a voyage in this (9)
3 They have a central meeting place (5)
4 A beautiful woman describes Eastern ways (7)
5 Casual footwear for bakers? (7)
7 Hanging wasn't good enough for Polonius (5)
8 Together they may make a catch (3,3,4)
9 He trains regularly before work (8)
14 Twin propellers (4,2,4)
16 Taken by those sick and tired of work? (4,4)
18 An irritating habit (4,5)
20 A minute stretch of ocean? (3,4)
21 Can be converted into acceptable money (7)
23 Bill's getting a new car; that's capital (5)
25 He's got a pound left - to press his suit? (5)
26 Go ahead actor's role (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Coronet, 5 Hopes, 8 Sensation, 9 Tag, 10 Etch, 12 Doublets, 14 Craven, 15 Boston, 17 Wildfire, 18 Eyes, 21 Eft, 22 Easy going, 24 Diets, 25 Respect.

Down: 1 Caste, 2 Run, 3 Noah, 4 Tailor, 5 Handbook, 6 Patiently, 7 Signs on, 11 Charlotte, 13 Leaflets, 14 Cowherd, 16 Eraser, 19 Sight, 20 Ages, 23 Ice.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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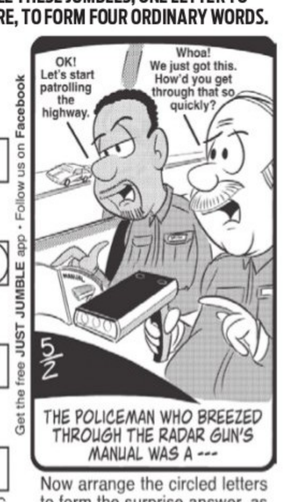
OK! Let's start patrolling the highway.
Whoa! We just got this. How'd you get through that so quickly?
5/2
THE POLICEMAN WHO BREEZED THROUGH THE RADAR GUN'S MANUAL WAS A ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: NEEDY FAVOR LOTION VISUAL
Answer: Gene Roddenberry's "Star Trek" showed us a possible future. He was a — "TELEVISIONARY"

"Tax evasion must be effectively prevented through information-sharing and joint operations

DK Shivakumar, Chief Minister

Thai national accuses friend of stealing belongings worth ₹18L

Says accused vacated apartment without her consent, collected ₹ 80k security deposit

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A 38-year-old Thai national, who has been living in Bengaluru for nearly a decade running an import-export business, has alleged that a man she trusted with the keys to her rented apartment vacated the house without her knowledge, collected part of her security deposit from the landlord and made away with household belongings worth nearly Rs18 lakh after she was stranded in Thailand following visa-related deportation proceedings.

Thanisata Sakdavichid was staying in a rented apartment in Dasarahalli, Hebbal, where she operated an import-export business dealing in clothes, cosmetics, food products and other goods. In March, she was detained over visa-related issues and was later deported to Thailand. She alleged that the man to whom she had given the keys to her apartment took advantage of her absence to cheat her.

> It took me years of hard work to build my life in India. Watching someone take away everything you worked for within a matter of hours is devastating
>
> Thanisata Sakdavichid

Her friend, Saurabh, filed a complaint with the Amruthahalli police on June 18 against Usman, the main accused, Farha Jabeen and the landlord, Chimbili Amarnath. The police have registered a case under Sections 318 (cheating) and 351 (criminal intimidation) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

According to the FIR, Usman took away valuables worth Rs 18.10 lakh and emptied the apartment. He is also accused of misappropriating Rs 40,000 that Sakdavichid had paid as an advance towards the flat. When confronted, he allegedly refused to return the belongings and threatened to kill her.

Sakdavichid told TNIE over phone that before leaving India, she had given the apartment keys to Usman, asking him only to clean the house, safeguard her belongings and stay there temporarily, if required, until her return. But after she reached Thailand, he allegedly refused to hand over the keys to Saurabh despite repeated requests.

On April 30, Usman allegedly informed her that he had vacated the apartment, removed all her belongings and collected around Rs 40,000 from her Rs80,000 security deposit from the landlord without her consent.

She further alleged that Usman used an unsigned and legally invalid draft power of attorney, which she had never physically signed or authenticated through the Thai Embassy, to gain control of her apartment and belongings.

Following the complaint, the police recovered only about 20-30% of her belongings from a house in Hegde Nagar. Several recovered items were found damaged, while furniture, electronic appliances, personal belongings and other valuables worth around Rs 15 lakh remain untraced.

Sakdavichid alleged that the landlord colluded with the accused by handing over part of the security deposit and allowing the apartment to be vacated without informing her.

She claimed that after sharing her ordeal on social media, several people from different cities, including Delhi, contacted her, alleging that they too had been cheated by the same person similarly.

"This is not his first time that he has cheated people like this, and I should be the last woman to be cheated by him. That is why I am fighting this case," she said.

"It took me years of hard work to build my life in India. Watching someone take away everything you worked for within a matter of hours is devastating. We have submitted all the evidence, yet we still feel we are not getting justice. They are using our money and enjoying life in front of our eyes while we continue to struggle to recover our belongings," she added.

Advocate injured after stepping on crude bomb outside farmhouse

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A Bengaluru-based 53-year-old advocate is undergoing treatment in a private hospital after he sustained severe injuries in a crude bomb blast. The advocate has been identified as NC Mohan, who practices at the high court.

The incident happened just outside Mohan's farmhouse at Sundagatta in Bengaluru South district. Mohan victim had gone to his farmhouse on Thursday night.

At around 6am on Friday, Mohan stepped on the crude bomb that was kept outside the gate. He was immediately rushed to the hospital. The jurisdictional Kodihalli police, who visited the spot, suspect that the crude bomb must have been kept to hunt wild boar and other animals. The police are also checking if there was a murder attempt on Mohan.

Soon after the incident, farm workers brought the matter to the notice of Mohan's friend. Mohan was immediately taken to the nearby government hospital, and after first aid, he was shifted to a private hospital in Bengaluru. Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad, SOCO and FSL team visited the spot.

"The advocate is out of danger. It appears that the crude bomb must have been kept to hunt animals," Superintendent of Police, Bengaluru South district, Srinivas R Gowda, said.

The police are also checking if crude bombs were being prepared in the vicinity.

A case under the Explosive Act and BNS has been registered against the accused.

Crude bombs are often sold to people hunting wild boars, deer and other wild animals. The Kanakapura sub-division area, where the incident happened, has large areas of forest.

There are incidents where a few cows have either died or injured after trying to bite crude bombs laced with dough. Generally crude bombs are either laced with meat or dough to attract wild boars which are plenty in the area.

SACRED REMEMBRANCE

Muslims take part in an Ashura procession during Muharram, the first month of the Islamic calendar in Bengaluru on Friday | KEVIN NASHON

5 schoolgirls injured after falling from moving van

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FIVE schoolchildren sustained minor injuries after they tumbled out of the rear door of a moving school van in Bengaluru's KR Puram on Thursday. All the injured students are girls. The incident occurred at Gayathri Layout in KR Puram. Fortunately, there were no vehicles moving behind the van, preventing a more serious mishap.

The incident was captured on a roadside CCTV camera.

As the van was moving slowly through a narrow lane, the impact was limited. Passersby immediately rushed to the children's aid. The students managed to get back on their feet and walked towards the van as the driver stopped the vehicle.

The exact reason behind the rear door opening remains unclear. The police are not ruling out the possibility that one of the students might have accidentally opened the door. Police are verifying whether the van was carrying more students than permitted. The jurisdictional traffic police, after examining the CCTV footage, summoned the van owner and the driver for questioning.

SUV carrying Darshan's son meets with accident

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An SUV carrying the son of jailed Kannada actor Darshan was involved in an accident with a two-wheeler in Rajarajeshwari Nagar on Thursday.

The rider of the two-wheeler sustained minor injuries. The jurisdictional RR Nagar traffic police said they have not received any complaint on the accident.

The SUV allegedly rear-ended the two-wheeler. A video that went viral on social media shows Darshan's 17-year-old son, Vineesh, involved in an argument following the accident.

Amid speculation on social media that Vineesh had been hospitalised following the accident, his mother Vijayalakshmi stated on social media that he is safe.

She also clarified that Vineesh was not driving the vehicle and that their driver was behind the wheel. Describing it as a minor road accident, she said such incidents were, unfortunately, not uncommon in Bengaluru traffic. She claimed that the other party involved acknowledged that the accident was their mistake and apologised.

CRIME PATROL

Farmer opens fire at bro for not releasing water to his field

BENGALURU: A man suffered serious injuries when his elder brother allegedly shot him with a double barrel gun after a fight over releasing water at their agricultural land at Shetterahalli village in Devanahalli taluk on Thursday afternoon. The victim, Chethan, is being treated in a hospital in the city. The accused, Chandru, and Chethan live separately at Shetteraha. An argument broke out between them over releasing water at their farmland. Chandru allegedly opened fire at Chethan from his house with the licensed gun. Villagers rushed Chetan to a nearby hospital, from where he was shifted to Bengaluru for specialised treatment. Vishwanathapura police have registered a case of attempt to murder against Chandru. A senior police officer said that a special team has been formed to arrest Chandru, who fled the village after the incident. **ENS**

EXPRESS READ

SPARSH Hospital performs complex brain surgery, saves nine-month-old baby

BENGALURU: A nine-month-old baby suffering from severe hydrocephalus, a condition caused by an abnormal build-up of fluid in the brain, has been given a renewed chance at life after undergoing a complex, high-risk brain surgery at SPARSH Hospital. Born with an abnormally enlarged head, the baby's head circumference had grown to nearly 100 cm, severely restricting her ability to sit, turn, crawl or perform normal physical activities. As the condition progressed, the increasing weight of her head also led to pressure sores on her scalp due to prolonged immobility. The child, who later came under the care of an orphanage, was referred to SPARSH Hospital for specialised treatment. Following a detailed evaluation, a multidisciplinary team of specialists performed the high-risk surgery after extensive planning and continuous monitoring. Dr Ann Agnes Mathew, Senior Consultant, Paediatric Neurology at SPARSH Hospital, said the child's condition had reached a stage where surgery was the only viable treatment despite the significant risks involved. She added that the objective was to improve the child's quality of life and developmental prospects.

BIS raids two jewellery stores, seizes 4.1kg non-hallmarked gold ornaments

BENGALURU: The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Bengaluru Branch Office, seized around 4.1 kg of gold ornaments during search and seizure operations at two jewellery shops in Bengaluru and Bengaluru South district (Ramanagara) on Thursday for alleged violations of the BIS Act, 2016. The raids were conducted at AAI Matha Jewellery in JP Nagar, Bengaluru, and Shanti Jewellers on MG Road in Bengaluru South district. During the inspections, officials found that the seized gold ornaments either lacked the mandatory Hallmark Unique Identification (HUID) markings or bore the old hallmarking system without HUID. Officials also found that both jewellery establishments were operating without valid BIS jeweller registration, allegedly violating provisions of the BIS Act, 2016, and the regulations framed under it. The operation at the JP Nagar outlet was supervised by P Jayachandra Babu, Scientist-E and Director, while the raid in Bengaluru South district was supervised by Vinodini Kishore, Scientist-E and Director.

'Accused neither used phones, nor spoke to anyone'

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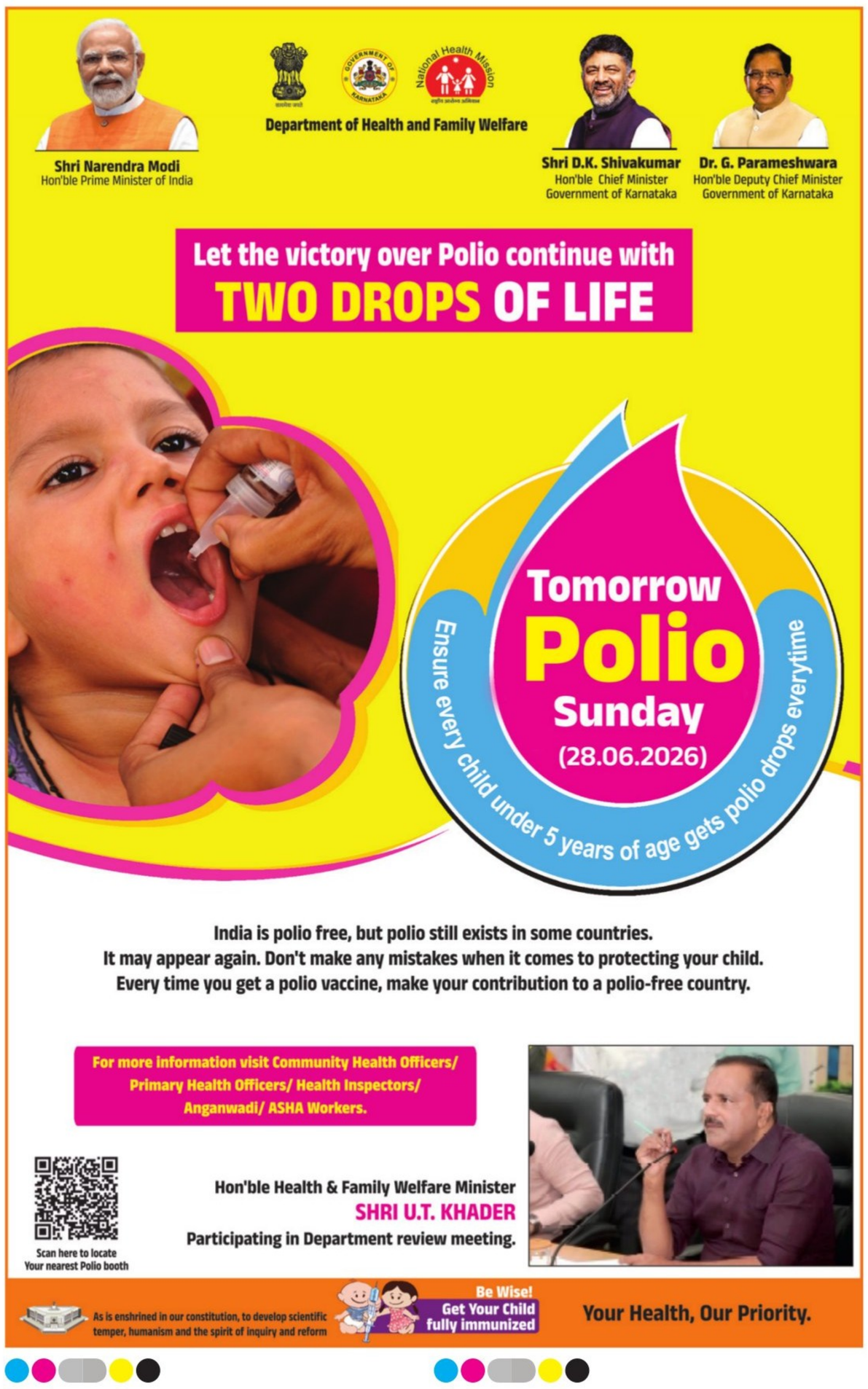
EVER since the main accused in the case, Shwetha, was arrested near Puducherry Railway Station on Tuesday, the special teams from both Whitefield and Puducherry were on the hunt for him.

The city police had handed out Kenneth's photo to Puducherry police, who in turn had shared it with all hotels, lodges, bars and restaurants and even the local driver community. When Kenneth was at the bar, the officer, Ramalingam, attached to the Orleanpet police station in Puducherry, was tipped off, leading to Kenneth's arrest.

Confirming his arrest, City Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh said that the woman accused was arrested on June 24 and the other on Thursday. "Based on technical and intelligence reports, the two accused have been arrested. They neither used mobile phones nor kept in touch with anybody. Ten police teams from the Whitefield division and three from Puducherry police, headed by an assistant superintendent of police, were looking for the second accused. The role of the Puducherry police helped us arrest the second accused. The two accused are changing their versions. The case is still in its early stages of investigation. During the interrogation, if the role of any others is found, they will also have to be picked up. We are collecting evidence," he added.

A press release issued by the city police commissioner's office on Friday stated that the main accused, Shwetha, was on Thursday produced before the court, which handed her over to 15-day police custody. "After an intense search, her absconding friend was secured in Puducherry on Thursday. During interrogation, he too confessed to his involvement in the triple murder," the press release stated.

The 52-year-old Soma Sundar, a software engineer, his wife 48-year-old Muthulakshmi and their daughter Supriya, 19, residents of Nallurahalli in Whitefield, were murdered at Shwetha's flat in Sai Green Homes apartment in Seegehalli on Monday night. The parents' Objection to her live-in relationship with Kenneth and financial issues are said to be the reasons for the murders.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Crue oil $138: Petrol price=₹101; Crude oil $69: Petrol price=₹112. Truly a masterstroke on taxpayers. When is Modi Ji planning to reduce fuel price?

Crack down on tax evasion, improve GST collection, DKS tells officials

'Commercial tax officers strength of government, honest taxpayers should not be harassed'

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KARNATAKA Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Friday directed Commercial Taxes Department officials to adopt a zero-tolerance approach towards tax evasion, ensure that no goods vehicle crosses check-posts or state borders without valid documents, and step up enforcement against fake GST invoices and bogus companies.

Chairing a progress review meeting of the Commercial Taxes Department at Vidhana Soudha, the Chief Minister said Commercial Tax officers were the "strength of the government" and expressed confidence that the department would exceed its tax collection target for the current financial year.

The CM said he was closely monitoring the department's functioning and receiving regular feedback from across the state, cautioning officials against negligence.

Calling for stronger coordination with neighbouring states and enforcement agencies, the CM said information sharing and joint operations were essential to curb tax evasion. He also asked officials to fully utilise technology and data analytics to monitor nearly 12 lakh tax payers through a 360-degree assessment.

"At the same time, honest taxpayers should not be harassed and must be treated with dignity and respect. Our intention is not to trouble genuine taxpayers. However, there should be absolutely no compromise when it comes to tax fraud," he said, warning that strict action would be taken against dishonest officials.

Chief Minister DK Shivakumar chairs a progress review meeting of the Commercial Taxes Department at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Friday | EXPRESS

The CM also directed all Joint Commissioners to achieve their tax collection targets, ensure timely filing of GST returns, identify non-filers and expedite pending returns. He said officials had the potential to double the current tax collections without violating the law or resorting to harassment.

Reviewing GST performance, the CM said Karnataka had recorded a nine per cent growth in GST collections, outperforming the national average and states such as Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Haryana. He noted that Telangana had recorded 10 per cent GST growth, placing Karnataka second in the country and urged officials to work towards securing the top position.

The CM said the department in collaboration with IIT Hyderabad was using a GST Analytical Portal to detect tax fraud through data analytics. He also directed senior officers to expedite the disposal of pending tax appeals and further simplify the tax administration system to make it more taxpayer-friendly.

The CM said the government had introduced a comprehensive online system to provide taxpayers with guidance, support and quick resolution of tax-related issues without requiring them to visit government offices.

₹166 crore recovered from fake firms

Fake invoices and fake Input Tax Credit (ITC) claims are a major challenge. Officials informed the CM that they had identified bogus companies and recovered Rs 166 crore. The CM said that the number of legal actions initiated against those who set up bogus companies should increase, he informed that until now, the number of arrests of those involved in such bogus activities was low. Now, arrests have been stepped up, said the CM.

574 new liquor licences through e-auction: CM

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Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said the state government has decided to provide 574 new liquor licences through e-auctions. The CM conducted review meeting with the excise department officials on Friday where he instructed officials to facilitate the payment of licence renewal fees in two installments to ease the financial burden on licence holders. He also asked them to study the functioning of excise departments in neighbouring states to improve efficiency and achieve the department's revenue targets.

The CM also warned the excise department officials against any misconduct that could tarnish the government's image, stating that stringent action would be taken against those found violating professional standards. He cautioned officials against assuming that the excise department staff could not be transferred to other departments. He said that the government was prepared to amend the law if necessary to enable such transfers. The CM said the government will not tolerate anyone or any attempt that brings disrepute to it.

Reviewing the department's performance, the CM said the implementation of the new AIB (Alcohol in Beverage) system had yielded encouraging results.

Cross-voting report ready, says CT Ravi

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@ Chikkamagaluru

SENIOR BJP MLC and chief of party fact-finding committee probing the cross-voting in recent MLC polls, **CT Ravi**, has said that the panel has completed its preliminary inquiry.

Speaking to reporters in Chikkamagaluru on Friday, Ravi said that a detailed report on the cross-voting is kept confidentially in a sealed cover.

The report will soon be handed over to Karnataka BJP president BY Vijayendra, he said.

The three-member committee, headed by Ravi, also has state BJP vice-president N Mahesh and Hubballi-Dharward Central MLA Mahesh Tenginkai as its members.

Ravi said that Vijayendra has said that the report will be submitted to the party's Central leadership.

The MLC said that the report has been prepared on the basis of authentic information gathered from important sources and through detailed discussions. "As the voting was conducted through a secret ballot, suspicion is on some members on the basis of circumstantial evidence. However, no one can be directly branded as an accused without concrete proof," Ravi added.

Referring to the alleged Rs 250 crore scam in the Gruha Lakshmi scheme, Ravi alleged that while the State Government failed to detect fake accounts, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) had unearthed the massive fraud. "Why are the Chief Minister and the former CM maintaining silence on this racket? The silence of the former Women and Child Welfare Minister also raises suspicion. Funds meant for a dream project for women are suspected to have been siphoned off by fraudsters. The matter should be handed over to the CBI," Ravi added.

BYV: No link with DKS, own party colleagues spreading rumours

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@ Mangaluru

KARNATAKA BJP president BY Vijayendra on Friday strongly rejected allegations that his closeness to Chief Minister DK Shivakumar led to cross-voting by NDA legislators in the recent MLC elections and blamed some of his own partymen for spreading such rumours.

In the elections held on June 16, the Congress won five of the seven seats. Thanks to cross-voting by NDA legislators, the Congress secured 151 votes, well beyond its expected 140.

Speaking to reporters after visiting Shri Kshetra Dharmasthala, Vijayendra clarified his earlier statement about the need for BJP legislators to swear before Lord Manjunatha at Dharmasthala to uncover the truth about cross-voting, and said he made the remark because he was deeply hurt by the developments.

"Cross-voting by my own MLAs hurt me and lakhs of party workers. I am an emotional person. I said what came to my mind. Senior party leaders suggested that we need not drag the matter till here (Dharmasthala)... instead we could bring the matter to the notice of the high command first. I respected their opinion," the BJP leader said.

Vijayendra said there are allegations against him of having links with Shivakumar that resulted in cross-voting. "I am aware that our own people have started these allegations. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and then BJP national president Amit Shah, and with the blessings of all the senior party leaders, I was given this responsibility to lead the party in the state. Being the BJP state president, there is no question of stooping so low. There are no business ties or any closeness between Shivakumar and me," he said, adding that in his role as an MLA, he has respected Shivakumar as a KPCC president and as a CM out of courtesy.

He said that as a devotee of the Kshetra, he offered prayers to Lord Manjunatha. "Being in a responsible position, I am aware that I am speaking from the premises of this holy place. I pray that the Lord Manjunatha blesses those who spread such rumours. Truth will come out. I have not done anything wrong. I have now revealed the truth before the party workers by coming to this kshetra," he said, adding that there is no question of disrespecting senior party leaders, and he is questioning himself as to where he went wrong. He also appealed to party workers not to believe in rumours spread by the Congress on cross-voting.

He refused to react on allegations of Shivakumar's role in getting BJP MLAs to cross-vote and said that someone is involved and party legislators would not have cross-voted voluntarily.

He said the BJP fact-finding committee under MLC CT Ravi is yet to submit its report on cross-voting.

On expelled BJP MLA from Yeshwanthpur S T Somashekhar's accusations against him, LoP R Ashoka and Union MoS Shobha Karandlaje, Vijayendra said that he has received information that the former was in touch with some BJP MLAs and truth will be revealed soon.

On former CM DV Sadananda Gowda's statement that he had prior information on possible cross-voting, Vijayendra said he spoke to the party general secretary and he said the former had not given any specific information on those involved in cross-voting, and it was a generalised statement.

To a question on the Bidadi township row, Vijayendra said the BJP opposes any project that is against farmers.

Karnataka BJP president BY Vijayendra at Dharmasthala after offering prayers at the Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Manjunatha Swamy Temple on Friday | EXPRESS

CONSPIRACY AGAINST VIJAYENDRA: RENUKACHARYA

BJP leader and BS Yediyurappa loyalist, former Honalli MLA MP Renukacharya, launched a blistering counter-attack on Friday, accusing vested interests within the party of running a dirty conspiracy to sabotage Karnataka BJP president BY Vijayendra's rising clout. Addressing the media, Renukacharya alleged a sustained whisper campaign is underway to smear Vijayendra by painting him as too close to Congress leader and Chief Minister DK Shivakumar. He claimed a "mischievous edited video" was deliberately leaked to lend weight to these damaging rumours. "Certain forces are hatching a deep conspiracy to undermine his growing stature," Renukacharya said. When asked about Vijayendra's term as state unit chief ending in November, Renukacharya said, "I have full faith that he will continue as state president even after November."

DIGITAL BRIDGES FOR A VIKSIT BHARAT

On MSME Day 2026, celebrating how digital portals are quietly revolutionising the way India's 80 million MSMEs do business

SHOBHA KARANDLAJE
Union Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Labour and Employment

WALK into any government district office a decade ago and the scene was familiar with a sea of paper files, harried clerks and entrepreneurs waiting days and sometimes weeks for a registration certificate or a payment-dispute hearing. Today, an artisan anywhere in the country can register her enterprise in minutes on her phone, list her products on a national marketplace and chase an overdue invoice without leaving her workshop. This is not a minor administrative upgrade but is a structural transformation. India's Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises are not a footnote in the national accounts.

On MSME Day 2026, it is worth pausing to reflect on their true scale as they contribute nearly 31.1% to GDP, over 35% of manufacturing output, account for approximately 48.58% of total exports and employ approximately 38 crore workforce which is larger than the population of most countries. Yet for decades, these enterprises operated at the margins of formal governance, starved of institutional finance, cut off from large procurement markets and navigating a labyrinth of compliance that favoured the large over the small.

The turn is unmistakable with the advent of a suite of purpose-built digital portals, each targeting a specific friction point in the MSME journey. This is quietly shaping the relationship between the state and its smallest entrepreneurs.

Formalisation at fingertip

The first and most fundamental barrier was that without formal registration, an enterprise could not access government schemes, bank credit or public contracts. The paperless, Aadhaar-authenticated and self-declaration-based registration through Udyam Portal reduced a multi-step ordeal to a single online session. Today, 8.7 crore enterprises have joined the formal economy through the portal giving rise to a formalisation wave with few precedents in emerging-market history.

Yet, "formalisation without inclusion" risks leaving the most vulnerable behind. The Udyam Assist Platform was thus designed for informal micro enterprises that lacked the documentation for standard registration. As per the Economic Survey 2025–26, the platform has onboarded 3.28 crore such enterprises, extending the reach of state support to businesses that had never before appeared on any official register.

Access to a level playing field through GeM market

Access to buyers has historically been gated by geography, connections and the capacity to navigate procurement bureaucracy. The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) changed the architecture of public procurement. By creating a transparent, reverse-auction-based platform where any registered MSME can supply to government departments and public sector undertakings, GeM has effectively democratised the procurement ecosystem.

Today, more than 11.14 lakh MSME sellers (out of which 2.03 Lakh are women-owned and 61,000 are SC/ST-owned) are registered on the platform. Total procurement through GeM has crossed Rs. 18.40 Lakh Crore, a figure that represents not just transactions but livelihoods protected, businesses sustained and supply chains diversified.

Unlocking liquidity

If registration and markets are the body of MSME reform, cash flow is its lifeblood. The chronic problem of delayed payments and large buyers sitting on MSME invoices for 60, 90 or even 180 days has historically pushed small enterprises into expensive informal credit. The TReDS Platform (Trade Receivables Discounting System) offers a structural remedy to it and MSMEs can now upload invoices to a digital marketplace where banks and financial institutions bid to discount them, releasing working capital immediately.

Through TReDS, invoices worth Rs 8.35 lakh crore have been discounted during 2021-26. These represent enterprises that did not miss payroll, did not turn to moneylenders and did not shutter because a large buyer was slow to pay.

Grievance and justice

Even the best-designed systems generate friction. The MSME Champions Portal serves as a technology-enabled interface where entrepreneurs can seek guidance, raise concerns and access scheme information. Till June 24, 2026, it has addressed 1,85,253 grievances which is 99.66% of the total grievances received.

The MSME Samadhaan Portal targets a more specific injustice of the culture of non- payment that has long afflicted small suppliers. Complementing Samadhaan is the MSME Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) Portal, which takes the logic of digital justice a step further. By enabling MSMEs to resolve commercial disputes through online conciliation and arbitration, the ODR Portal has expanded access to justice for India's smallest businesses.

The next generation of digital tools

This MSME Day marks not just a celebration but a new chapter in digital journey as India stands poised to expand its digital infrastructure further. The PMEGP 2.0 Portal will simplify the journey from application to subsidy disbursement, while MSME Samadhaan 2.0 will further accelerate the resolution of payment dues and MSME Global Mart 2.0 will serve as a government-backed marketplace integrated with the ONDC ecosystem for both B2B and B2C trade, bringing India's small businesses onto the global stage. As we embrace AI and digital technologies, the resolve remains unwavering that no entrepreneur shall be left behind in this journey of transformation.

The bigger picture

These portals do not exist in isolation and together, they constitute an interoperating digital ecosystem that reduces compliance burdens, integrates databases and enables real-time information exchange between enterprises and the state. They have not merely brought convenience but have dissolved the structural advantages that historically accrued to the large, the urban and the well-connected.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat @2047 places the MSME sector at its very heart. "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" is not merely a slogan but an operating principle. Bank credit to MSMEs has grown from Rs. 10.40 lakh crore as on April 1, 2014 to Rs 36.79 lakh crore as on December 31, 2025, a 268% increase in 12 years, outpacing credit growth for large enterprises. The digital MSME stack is thus in the most concrete sense, the infrastructure of that promise.

MSMEs are where the majority of new jobs will be created, where rural industrialisation will take root and where the decisive shift from informal to formal economic activity must be completed. The digital scaffolding being built around them is therefore the connective tissue of Viksit Bharat itself and every registration, every invoice financed, every dispute resolved online is an irreversible, forward-looking step towards the India of 2047. The portals connecting millions of small enterprises to markets, finance and governance are not digital conveniences. They are the architecture of aspiration built brick by byte, for a Bharat that leaves no entrepreneur behind.

Satish dismisses rift with Siddu

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KARNATAKA Public Works Minister and senior Congress MLA Satish Jarkiholi has firmly rejected reports of any strain in his relationship with former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, asserting that the two leaders remain united within the Congress. "There is no disagreement between us. We have been together and will remain together in the future," Satish Jarkiholi said.

Satish's remarks come amid circulating speculation about internal differences within the Karnataka Congress unit, particularly between senior leaders loyal to Siddaramaiah and himself. The denial underscores efforts to project a cohesive front in the state Congress unit, which has often been marked by competing ambitions.

NO CABINET RESHUFFLE TILL MID-JULY

The Karnataka cabinet meeting has been scheduled for July 2, but sources confirm that the much-awaited expansion and portfolio rejig will not happen by then. According to sources, the Congress leadership needs at least another fortnight to finalise the list of new faces and ministerial berths. The reshuffle is now expected to be cleared only by mid-July just before the Ashada month begins. With multiple factions pulling in different directions and all sides watching closely, the government appears to be playing it safe to avoid any last-minute misfires. While the July 2 meeting may discuss routine matters and clear some pending files, the real political blockbuster — the cabinet expansion — is now firmly pushed to mid-July.

POLITICAL THEATRE

Dr G: K'taka fast-tracks process to fill 72k posts

BENGALURU: Stating thousands of unemployed youths in the state have repeatedly taken to the streets demanding government jobs, DCM Dr G Parameshwara on Friday said that the government has fast-tracked the recruitment process and decided to fill 72,000 vacant posts. He said Congress had promised in its manifesto to fill 2.5 lakh vacancies in a phased manner, but the process was delayed owing to issues including internal reservation. The State Government constituted the Justice Nagamohan Das Commission and proceeded with recruitment after accepting its recommendations. He said the previous budget had announced recruitment to 56,000 posts, and the Finance Department had already cleared 24,000 of them. Following a review after the change in CM, the State Government decided to increase the number of recruitments to 72,000 **ENS**

"It was projected in the media and social media as though I ensured MLAs cross voted. I'm also aware that our own people may be behind it. But, I'm clarifying that there is no question of me indulging in such cheap tactics

BY Vijayendra, BJP state President

WILL BE IN BIDADI TODAY, MY FIGHT IS NOT AGAINST DKS, SAYS HDK

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@ Bengaluru

UNION Minister **HD Kumaraswamy** on Friday said that he will visit Byramangala near Bidadi on Saturday to extend support to farmers opposing the proposed Bidadi township project, and reiterated that his fight is not against Chief Minister DK Shivakumar but in support of farmers who have been protesting against land acquisition for over 470 days.

Addressing reporters here, Kumaraswamy said he has written to Shivakumar inviting him to participate in a meeting with the protesting farmers. "I will be with the protesting farmers at Byramangala on Saturday. If the CM wants to come there, he is welcome. I am going there only to support the farmers and will be there till noon. We are not going to create any problem. We want this issue to be resolved peacefully," he said.

Kumaraswamy alleged that around 20 people have been sitting near the protest site since Thursday night demanding that their land be acquired for the project. They have been forced to sit there. "I know why this is happening. I know the background," he said without elaborating.

Stating that he was neither for nor against the township project, Kumaraswamy said his only concern is farmers' welfare. "My fight is not against Shivakumar. Farmers' welfare is more important to me. They have been protesting for 470 days. They met me a few months ago, and that is why I am supporting them. If they agree to give their land, I have no objection. But they should not be threatened or forced. The government must convince them. If there is so much resistance, why pressure them?" he said.

Responding to the remarks of Magadi MLA HC Balakrishna, who reportedly stated that the CM's visit to Bidadi could lead to a law and order problem, Kumaraswamy suggested that the government could have invited farmers to Vidhana Soudha. "In 2006-07, we held meetings with over 500 farmers at Krishna. Not once, but thrice. If there is concern over law and order, call them to Vidhana Soudha and hold discussions there," he said.

Questioning the rationale behind the proposed township project, Kumaraswamy said that it has been estimated at Rs 20,000 crore and the government claims to have paid only around Rs 19 crore as compensation."There are a few pockets where cultivation is not possible and compensation might have been paid to farmers there. Bengaluru is facing several issues. Instead of addressing them, the move to build another city is laughable," he said.

No forcible acquisition of land, says Parameshwara

Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara on Friday said that the state government will not forcibly acquire land for the proposed Bidadi township project. It will go ahead only with farmers' consent. "We want to take farmers into confidence. The CM has directed us to do that. If needed, compensation can be enhanced. We want to resolve the issue amicably," he said.Rejecting claims that the land was chosen for an AI hub due to water availability, Dr Parameshwara said it is a township project aimed at reducing Bengaluru's problems.

AWARENESS WEEK

Escoms to provide ₹1L per division for safety drive

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TO raise awareness among the people on electrical safety, Gaurav Gupta, additional chief secretary, Energy Department, said all electricity supply companies (ESCOMs) in the state will contribute Rs 1 lakh per division towards events to mark 'National Electrical Safety Week'.

The events will be organised by the Electrical Inspectorate. Speaking after inaugurating 'National Electrical Safety Week', he said, "Electricity is the most widely used form of energy in the world. Its usage is increasing rapidly and safety awareness must grow accordingly. We must work collectively with a shared sense of responsibility," Gupta said.

"To make this safety week more effective, all ESCOMs in the state will provide Rs 1 lakh for each division. Apart from raising awareness, preventive measures are essential to avoid electrical accidents," he said, adding that action plans in this regard will be formulated soon. Gupta said the government's focus is on new recruitments by streamlining the process. Vacant posts will not only be filled in government departments, but also in corporations and boards.

BESCOM managing director Shivashankara N said officials of the Electrical Inspectorate should work in close coordination with district administrations to raise greater awareness on electrical safety. The oath on electrical safety was administered on the occasion. Vehicles equipped with LED screens to raise awareness on electrical safety were flagged off.

NIA grills terror accused for nearly an hour

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Davanagere

The National Investigation Agency officials on Friday arrived at Harihar to probe the suspected terrorist who was arrested from Bannikodu village of Harihar taluk. Various aspects, including the social media and other accounts, are being interrogated, a source told.

Speaking to *TNIE* SP, Dr Shekhar HT said that the accused was interrogated for approximately one hour. The suspect, Suhail, was arrested from the home of Guttyappa at Bannikodu village and was the only active person among the 10 people who came for painting work at the private factory.

Later, he was produced before the court, which handed over the suspect for 10 days' police custody. He also said that several vital pieces of information have been collected.

BEML bags extra $5.35 m export from Middle East

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

BEML Limited has secured an additional export order valued at USD 5.35 million from the Middle East for the supply of heavy earthmoving equipment. The order is in continuation of the Company's earlier export contract worth USD 36.38 million, announced in April 2026.

Originally developed for large-scale mining applications, BEML's heavy earthmoving equipment has been suitably engineered to cater to the evolving requirements of infrastructure development and strategic construction projects. The machines are designed to deliver superior performance under demanding operating conditions, incorporating advanced engineering, enhanced durability, and compliance with stringent international quality standards. They are also equipped with ergonomically designed, ROPS/FOPS-certified operator cabins, ensuring enhanced safety, operator comfort, and productivity.

As part of the order, BEML will provide comprehensive maintenance and lifecycle support through its local representative in the region. The support includes the supply of spares, preventive maintenance, servicing, and lifecycle management, ensuring high equipment availability and operational efficiency throughout the project lifecycle, the release added.

Shantanu Roy, Chairman & Managing Director, BEML Limited, said, "This additional order from the Middle East is a strong endorsement of BEML's engineering excellence and reflects the confidence our global customers place in our products and capabilities. We remain committed to delivering reliable, technology-driven solutions while expanding our global footprint and building long-term partnerships across key international markets."

EXPRESS READ

Drug peddler held; ₹ 1.50L worth MDMA seized

MANGALURU: The Mangaluru City Crime Branch (CCB) has arrested an alleged drug peddler and seized MDMA worth Rs. 1.50 lakh. The accused has been identified as Annappa Swamy (26), a resident of Hosabettu, Surathkal. Acting on a tip-off, the CCB police conducted a raid at Kulaigudde and arrested Swamy. Police also seized 15 grams of MDMA worth Rs. 1.50 lakh, along with a mobile phone, zip-lock covers, and a digital weighing machine. Police said that Swamy has been booked in multiple cases under the NDPS Act, as well as cases of assault, stone-pelting at a mosque, and attempt to murder registered at various police stations.

NFPRC organises workshop for policymakers

BENGALURU: The Nation First Policy Research and Change Foundation (NFPRC) organised a workshop for nearly 70 Members of Parliament and State Legislators in New Delhi, focused on strengthening legislative capacity through evidence-based policymaking, labour formalisation, social security, skilling reforms, and effective public communication. The workshop featured addresses by Tarun Chugh, Harvinder Kalyan, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Vinod Tawde, and Arunkumar Pillai, who highlighted the importance of expanding social security through the new labour codes, leveraging digital platforms such as e-Shram and Skill India Digital, improving workforce readiness, promoting strategic digital communication, and enhancing legislative effectiveness.

Two minor boys booked under POCSO

MANGALURU: Two minor boys were booked under the POCSO act for allegedly sexually assaulting a minor girl. According to Venoor police, the victim revealed to her parents that one of the accused, who is a relative, and his friend took her near a dam in Belthangady in 2023, sexually assaulted her, and also issued threats. Based on a complaint filed on Wednesday, the accused were booked under sections 376, 376aB, 376DB, and section 6 of the POCSO act.

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Growth engine for Viksit Bharat
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8.76 crore MSME providing employment to 39 crore
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Khadi Sales
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Public procurement from SC/ST MSE has reached over ₹3,942 crore
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Minister of State for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
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MB Patil, Large and Medium-Scale Industries minister

JUNGLE SAFARIS AT BANDIPUR, NAGARAHOLE TO RESTART FULLY

Activity suspended since Nov 2025 due to human-tiger conflict

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Karnataka government has decided to fully reopen the jungle safari (Park Excursion) at the Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves, based on the effective carrying capacity scientifically assessed by a Technical Committee of experts and officials.

The report has been accepted by the State government, and directions have been issued to operate the jungle safari in a regulated manner, in line with the recommendations. Karnataka holds immense potential in eco-tourism and has consistently followed a model of sustainable tourism which generates local employment and livelihood opportunities while boosting the local economy.

The State remains committed to the eco-tourism model that safeguards ecological integrity and ensures that tourism contributes positively to conservation, local livelihoods, and visitor experience.

Earlier in May, Karnataka Forest and Environment Minister Ishwar B Khandre defended the State government's move to temporarily halt safari operations in Bandipur and Nagarahole National Parks last November, saying the measure was intended to safeguard human lives following a series of wildlife attacks.

Install signboards providing information to tourists at Muthathi. Instructed the deputy commissioner to deploy guides or trained personnel at the safe swimming zones

— Ramalinga Reddy, Water Resources Minister

Muthathi: Reddy tells DC to take safety measures

Water Resources Minister Ramalinga Reddy has directed officials to identify safe swimming zones in the Cauvery at Muthathi for tourists. Reddy, who is in-charge minister of Mandya district, directed the Mandya deputy commissioner to take steps to erect barricades at unsafe areas along the banks of the Cauvery at Muthathi in Malavalli taluk to prevent visitors from venturing into the river.

The minister's directive comes in the wake of the tragedy at Muthathi where five members of a family drowned in the river two days ago.

Speaking to the deputy commissioner over the phone, Reddy directed him to install signboards providing information to tourists at Muthathi. Reddy instructed the deputy commissioner to deploy guides or trained personnel at the safe swimming zones. Expressing his condolences to the kin of the victims, the minister said that he would visit Mandya district shortly.

Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy has written to Karnataka Home Minister Priyank Kharge, seeking urgent safety measures at Muthathi in Mandya district to prevent recurring drowning deaths in the Cauvery River. He urged the government to open a police outpost, deploy additional security personnel, install warning signboards and barricades, and restrict access to unsafe stretches of the river. Kumaraswamy said at least 11 people have drowned in the past five months and over 36 in the last five years, stressing the need for immediate intervention.

31 dists receive less than 50% rain till now

SUBHASH CHANDRA N S @Karwar

KARNATAKA is staring at one of its worst rainfall deficits in recent years, with more than half of its 31 districts receiving less than 50% of normal rainfall. More alarmingly, four traditionally rain-rich districts — Shivamogga, Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada and Chikkamagaluru — have recorded less than 40% of their normal rainfall, putting agricultural activities at serious risk this year.

As of 16 districts have recorded significantly below-normal rainfall, insufficient to support farming activities. Among the worst-affected are Shivamogga, Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru and Dakshina Kannada, which have received only about 40% of their normal rainfall during June. According to district-level data compiled by the Agriculture Department, Shivamogga has received only 36% of its normal rainfall, recording a deficit of 64%. Kodagu has received just 39% of its normal rainfall, reflecting a 61% deficit. Chikkamagaluru and Dakshina Kannada have both recorded rainfall deficits of around 60%.

The normal rainfall for these districts up to June 26 is 766 mm in Dakshina Kannada, 264 mm in Chikkamagaluru, 429 mm in Kodagu and 383 mm in Shivamogga. However, the districts have received only 306 mm, 105 mm, 168 mm and 138 mm, respectively.

Vijayanagara district has received just 29 mm of rainfall against the normal 71 mm, registering a deficit of 59%.

Udupi, which normally receives 923 mm of rainfall by June 26, has received only 424 mm, recording a deficit of 54%. Davanagere has also reported a 54% rainfall deficit.

Haveri, Uttara Kannada and Mysuru have each recorded a rainfall deficit of around 53%. Mysuru received 38 mm of rainfall against its normal 82 mm, while Haveri received 47 mm against a normal 99 mm. Uttara Kannada has received only 264 mm compared to its normal 564 mm.

In contrast, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru Urban, Mandya, Ballari, Kolar, Bagalkot, Chitradurga, Raichur, Chamarajanagar and Yadgir have recorded normal rainfall levels. Tumakuru and Chikkaballapur have received 28% and 33% excess rainfall, respectively, receiving 80 mm and 71 mm against their normal rainfall of 60 mm and 55 mm during June. "There will be severe crop losses if the rainfall deficit continues," said Shivaprasad Gaonkar, Joint Director, Department of Agriculture, Uttara Kannada.

KARNATAKA APPOINTS UPENDRA TRIPATHI AS CHIEF MINISTER's CLIMATE ADVISOR

BENGALURU: The state government has appointed retired IAS officer Upendra Tripathi as the Honorary Advisor (Climate Change) to CM DK Shivakumar and as the Climate Ambassador of Karnataka. Tripathi, a veteran on renewable energy, has been appointed on an honorary basis, and is accorded the status and rank of a Minister of State. He belongs to the 1980 batch of IAS, Karnataka cadre. A veteran in the field of renewable energy, Tripathi has worked in various capacities on national and international level. He was awarded the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration. He is the former and founding director general of the International Solar Alliance- the first treaty-based multilateral body to be headquartered in India, which made stellar progress during his tenure from 2017 to 2021. He was also the former secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (2014-2016). He was also chairperson of National Institute of Solar Energy, National Institute of Wind Energy, National Institute of Bio Energy and Association of Renewable Energy Agencies. **ENS**

EXPRESS READ

Mysuru likely to host Kambala on Oct 18, 19

MYSURU: As the state government has decided to organise a two-day Kambala race during the Dasara festivities on October 18 and 19, a team led by Puttur Congress MLA Ashok Kumar Rai visited Mysuru on Friday to inspect and identify a suitable venue for the event. Rai commenced his visit by offering prayers at the Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hills. He later inspected two proposed sites — a 17-acre land parcel in front of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, opposite Aishwarya Fuel Station on the Mysuru-Hunsur Road in Vijayanagar, and a 23-acre Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) land near Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) at Satagalli. During the inspection of the Vijayanagar site, Deputy Commissioners of Police Harsha Priyamvada and K S Sundar Raj pointed out that the location experiences heavy traffic on the Mysuru-Hunsur Road. **ENS**

NATURAL REFUGE

Following its restoration, Bengaluru's Ulsoor Lake attracts several birds, including painted storks. The project that began in February, 2026, is estimated to cost Rs 107 crore | VINOD KUMAR T

Mixing alcohol with energy drinks poses risk to heart, brain

GAYATHRI M KURUP @Bengaluru

HEALTH EXPERTS are raising concerns about the growing practice of mixing alcohol with energy drinks, warning that the combination can have far-reaching consequences for physical and mental health.

According to doctors, combining the two can create a dangerous mismatch in the body, often leading individuals to consume more alcohol. Dr Puneeth BS, consultant medical gastroenterologist at Manipal Hospital, said, "When alcohol is consumed with energy drinks, the person may feel that the desired effect of alcohol has not been achieved and may continue drinking more." He added that the combination can increase the risk of dehydration, anxiety, palpitations, irregular heart rhythms and other health complications.

Cardiologists also warn that the practice can place significant strain on the cardiovascular system. Dr Pradeep Kumar D, senior consultant in Cardiology at Sakra World Hospital, noted that caffeine may prevent individuals from recognising how intoxicated they actually are. "People may continue drinking because they still feel alert. This can lead to binge drinking, abnormal heart rhythms, and, in some cases, even heart attacks," he said.

According to Dr Pradeep, young adults who consume alcohol with energy drinks may be more likely to engage in aggressive behaviour, take unnecessary risks and drive under the influence.

Dr CP Ravi Kumar, lead and senior consultant in Neurology at KIMS Hospitals, said repeated exposure to alcohol and high doses of caffeine during adulthood can affect the development of the prefrontal cortex, the region of the brain responsible for judgment, impulse control and decision-making. "Exposure to alcohol and caffeine at a young age affects the development of the brain structurally," he said, adding that the combination may alter neural pathways and impair cognitive function over time.

Activists unite to demand immediate rollout of reservation Act

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

WOMEN'S organisations, activists, academics and progressive groups in Karnataka have united under the National Coalition for Women's Reservation (NCWR) to demand the unconditional rollout of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam (Women's Reservation Act, 2023).

The coalition criticised the Centre for delaying the landmark legislation -- passed through the Constitution (106th Amendment) -- by linking its implementation to a future Census and delimitation exercise. Despite nearly three decades of struggle for 33% reservation in Parliament and state Assemblies, they described the current Act as an "empty promise" that puts women's political rights on indefinite hold.

The urgency intensified after the government's April 16, 2026 attempt to rush a gazette notification connecting the Act with legislation, including the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, and proposals to expand Lok Sabha seats. The move was resisted, as critics warned that it threatens federalism and risks severe North-South representation imbalances.

In a resolution adopted at a state-level consultation, the NCWR-Karnataka called for immediate implementation of the 33% quota without conditions related to Census or delimitation. It demanded a participatory process for seat identification to ensure representation for Dalit, Adivasi, OBC, minority, and marginalised women, drawing from the Panchayat Raj model.

The group will launch a signature campaign, meet Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, and urge Karnataka MPs and MLAs to push for debate in the upcoming monsoon Session. It also plans public awareness drives, protests, and national mobilisation.

"We call upon all democratic forces to join this struggle. True gender justice cannot be conditional on political calculations," the coalition stated.

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NOTICE - CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This is to inform all concerned that w.e.f. 07.09.2026 our existing **Bengaluru 3 (Branch Code No. 0173)** office will relocate as below :

New Address
SBI Life Insurance Company Limited
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From our present location, as under

Old Address
SBI Life Insurance Company Limited
Central Hall, No.178, 1st Floor and P.I.D No. 27-13-178, facing Platform Road, Nataka Rathna Gubbi Veeranna Road (Subedar Chatram Road), Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru, Karnataka, Pin Code 560020.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner **Mr.Deepak Pinto** S/o late Mr.John Pinto, residing at Apartment No.T-1, Habitat Serenity Apartments, 27, Viviani Road, Richards Town, Bengaluru-560005. If any persons have any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property, they are hereby requested to file their objections along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned within **10 (Ten) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the agricultural dry land measuring **36 Guntas bearing Sy.No.52/1,** situated at **Byadarahalli Village,** Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded as follows :

East by : Land bearing Sy.No.53
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.52/2
North by : Road
South by : Land belongs to Sri.G.Ramakrishna

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the agricultural dry land measuring **2 Acres 15 Guntas bearing Sy.No.52/2,** situated at **Byadarahalli Village,** Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded as follows:

East by : Land bearing Sy.No.52/1
West by : Land bearing Sy.No.52/3
North by : Road
South by : Land belongs to Sri.G.Ramakrishna

Sd/- BAYYA REDDY. M, Advocate
No.101, 4th Floor, Sri Manjunatha Complex,
22nd Main Road, BSK 2nd Stage, Opp : Banashankari
BDA Complex, Bengaluru-560070.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my clients have negotiated to purchase the immovable property described in the Schedule hereunder from its owner **Mr.B.Venkateshappa,** son of Late G.Bayanna, residing at No.33/A, Karamchand Layout, H.M.Road, Lingarajapuram, Bangalore - 560 084.

Any person/s having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien and interest in respect of the Schedule property may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned with documentary evidence in support thereof within **seven days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the claims of all such person/s shall be deemed to have been waived or abandoned and my clients will proceed with the conveyance as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of land together with the structures standing thereon bearing **Municipal Corporation No.5, PID No.87-46-5, New ePID No.4507942932,** (Earlier bearing Site No.10, carved out of larger property bearing Survey No.118/1 of Lingarajapuram, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), situated at **Anantharam Layout, Lingarajapuram,** Corporation New Ward No.49, Old Ward No.87, Bangalore and bounded on the :

EAST BY : Property belonging to Mr.S.Raman; (Earlier described as remaining portion of Site No.10);
WEST BY : Plot No.11;
NORTH BY : Property belonging to Mr.Joseph Reddy;
SOUTH BY : Road;

and measuring :
EAST to WEST : 20 feet;
NORTH to SOUTH : 55 feet;

Totally measuring in all 1100 Square feet;

RAGHAVENDRA & Associates, Advocates
No.40, 1st Floor, Nandidurga Road, Bangalore : 560 046.
Dated : 27.06.2026 Place : Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that my client **Sri D.R. Manjunath S/o Late D.Ramarao** had executed a General Power of Attorney in favour of **Sri D.R. Vasudevamurthy S/o Late D.Ramarao, Residing at Dasanapura Village, Dasarapura Hobli, Bangalore North** in respect of below mentioned schedule property under the registered GPA vide registered **Document No. DSP-4-00082-2013-14 in C.D. No. DSPD 172** dated 25-09-2013 registered in the office of sub-registrar Dasanapura, Bangalore. The said General Power of Attorney has been revoked and cancelled by a registered Deed of Revocation/ Cancellation of GPA vide registered **Document No. RJN-4-01236-2025-26** dated 16-03-2026 registered in the office of sub-registrar Rajajinagara, Bangalore. Hence, Sri D.R. Vasudevamurthy has no authority whatsoever to act or deal with the Schedule Property on behalf of my client. The general public is hereby cautioned not to enter into any transaction based on the said General Power of Attorney. Any person dealing with the said attorney holder shall be null and void.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Survey No.94, measuring 0-23 Guntas (Portion) out of 5 Acres 36 Guntas, situated at Nagaruru Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, bounded on:

East by : D.R. Vasudevamurthy's Land,
West by : D.R. Ananda's Land,
North by : D.R. Vishwanath's Land,
South by: Private Property.d.

Sd/- **S.R.GANGADHAR**, Advocate,
Mathrushree Associates, No.V-5, Shop No. 2, Opposite KIADB Building, Near Peenya Sub-registrar Office, 14th Cross, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore-58.Mobile : 9448522933
Date : 27/06/2026 Place : Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general Public are hereby informed that my client **Mr. MOHAMMED ILYAS** intends to purchase the Schedule Properties from its joint owners namely **Mrs. TASNEEM FATHIMA alias TASNEEM FATHIMA MAGRABI, Ms. SHAZIA AHMED alias SHAZIA FATHIMA AHMED, Mr. ALI ADNAN SHAHBAAZ, Mr. MOHAMMED AMAAN SHAHBAAZ.**

If any person or persons having any manner of right, title or interest in respect of the Schedule Properties may file their written objections along with evidentiary proof before the undersigned within **15 days** from the publication of this Public Notice failing which my client shall construe that there is no form of encumbrance or objection of any sort from anyone to the said Transaction and complete the Sale Transaction free from all encumbrances. Any Bank, Financial Institution, Housing Finance Company, Cooperative Societies, Government Authorities or any other person or persons having created or claiming any Mortgage, Charge, Tenancy, Security Interest, or encumbrance over the said Schedule Properties is hereby called upon to notify the undersigned within the aforesaid period.

Any claims received beyond **15 days** will not be considered

SCHEDULE PROPERTY-1

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY now bearing Municipal No.67 (old No.22/1) and PID No.91-96-67, located at Pulakeshi Nagar, Miller Road, Benson Town, Corporation Ward No. 91, Bangalore 560 042 which is comprised of a land measuring in all to about 5053 (Five Thousand and Fifty Three) Square feet [469.438859 Square Meters] and **an portion of the old residential building built thereon with a built-up area of about 92.903 Square Meters** and a major portion thereof is demolished as of this day, with all the water, electricity, sewerage and sanitary connections, together with all the rights, privileges, appurtenances, drains, hedges and the like belonging thereto or reputed to belong thereto and is bounded by:

East by : Private Property Bearing No.66/1, Miller Road, West by : Eidgah, North by : Millers Road, South by : Eidgah & Railway Compound

SCHEDULE PROPERTY-2

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY being vacant site now bearing Municipal No.66/1 (old No.22) and PID No.91-96-66/1, located at Pulakeshi Nagar, Miller Road, Benson Town, Corporation Ward No.91, Bangalore 560 042 which is comprised of a land measuring in all to about 3062 (Three Thousand and Sixty-Two) Square feet [284.468986 Square Meters], with all the rights, privileges, appurtenances, drains, hedges and the like belonging thereto or reputed to belong thereto and was bounded by:

East by : Private Property No.30, Millers Road, West by : Property No.67 and Eidgah, North by : Millers Road and Property No. 67, South by : Eidgah and Railway Compound

MOHAMMED NAWAZ SHARIFF
ADVOCATE
IMPERIUM LEGAL
No.1, 3rd Floor, Raghavendra Swamy Layout, L.R. Bande Main Road, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032
Mob: 8867707414/9886479786

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that our client intends to purchase the property bearing **Sy. No. 170/2,** measuring **0-15.04 Guntas,** situated at **Bettakote Village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District,** and bounded by:

East by : Land in Sy. No. 141;
West by : Land in Sy. No. 135;
North by : Road;
South by : Land in Sy. No. 170/1.

The said property is proposed to be purchased from **Sri. Pillasandappa, Son of Sri. Chikkamunishamappa.**

Any person claiming any right, title, interest, share, lien, charge, mortgage, tenancy, easement, inheritance, acquisition, attachment, litigation, or any other claim whatsoever over the above property is hereby required to notify the undersigned in writing, together with supporting documentary evidence, within **7 (Seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be presumed that no such claim exists and the proposed transaction shall be proceeded with, without any further reference to such person.

SRIHARSHAN ASSOCIATES,
Advocate,
Jyothi Rajesh
No. LIG-65D, 3rd Floor, Near Hoskote Police Station, KHB Colony, Hoskote Town, Bangalore-562114 Ph.8553324236
Mail: srihariharshan2019@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client **Sri. Shravanth Donthi Ravi Shankar S/O D N Ravi Shankar,** residing at #41, Mountain Road, Near Madhavan Park, Jayanagar 1st Block East, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka-560011, is willing to purchase the property by availing a loan with Poonawalla Fincorp by the present property owner Smt. Shagufta Anurag W/O Anurag Srivatsava, Registered Release Deed Document No. HLS- 1-00024-2008-09, dated: 04-04-2008. My client further states that any disputes of this ownership or possession of the schedule property, members of the public are hereby notified that if anyone having any adverse claim in respect of the said property hereby are advised to place their claim with appropriate written evidence. Please note that claims received without written evidence **within 7 Days** from the date of publication of this notice thereafter will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Old No.60, later No.32, now bearing No. 47, earlier PID No. 76-20-47,Situated at St. Marks Road, Richmond Town, Bengaluru, Measuring: East to West :60+60.6/2 Feet & North to South : 19+19.9/2 Feet, in all measuring 1172.835 sqft, Building existing therein Measuring 4691.34 sqft comprising of ground and three upper floors and bounded on the : **East by:** No. 15/A Church Street, Measuring on that on side 19, **West by:** St. Mark Road, measuring on that side 19'9", **North by:** No. 34, St. Marks Road, measuring on that side 60' **South by:** No.30, St. Marks Road and 15/B & 15/C, Church Street, measuring on that side 60'6".

HARISHA .S, Advocate
#1479. DRLS PLAZA, Union Bank Building,
T Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560 057.
Mobile No.90609 50265.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public hereby notified that, my client desired to acquire vacant house site as per description in the schedule below from its present owner, viz., Mr. Anil Kumar Haldar. It is given to understand and represented that; Schedule property forming part of land in Survey No.s.117/8 & 117/10 of Varthur Village and though partitioned among Muniswamy Reddy, S/o. Late Dodda Chowda Reddy and his children as per Court Decree but ignoring said the division; for the purpose of common development and alienation all the concerned have vested the land/s solely in the name of Mr. Nagesh by way of registered release deed/s for consideration (Dated 24-09-2015, Registered as Doc. No. HRI-1-03620-2015-16 followed by Confirmation Deed Dated 24-08-2015 Registered as Doc. No. KRI-1-03622-2015-16 and Release Deed Dated 24-08-2015, Registered as Doc. No. KRI-1-03622-2015-16); and Mr. Nagesh in turn transferred Schedule Property in favour of the present owner as per Sale Deed Dated 12-04-2019, Registered as Doc. No. VRT-1-002502019-20. General public are hereby notified that if anyone or any Institution / Creditor/s have any right, title or interest in any manner either on the land forming part of Sy.No. 117/8 and 117/10 or Schedule Property forming part of the same with such documentary proof within 10 days of this publication and our client shall be proceeded to acquire the property by way of absolute sale by believing the representations and assurances are to be true.

Schedule :- All that piece and parcel of the House Site bearing No.13, Property Nos./Assessment Nos.117/8 and 117/10, Varthur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk (previously South Taluk) now within the limits of BBMP Ward No.149, Varthur, bearing Khatha No. 117/8 / 117 / 10/13, New BBMP Form-B Property Register No. 2788582, Municipal No. 5155/117/8 / Site No.13, E-PID No. 9320062576; measuring East to West:42 Feet (12.8 Meters), North to South:30 Feet (9.1 Meters) in all 1260 Square Feet or 117.1 Square Meters with all rights, etc., absolute and bounded on the; **East by :** Property belongs to Chandrappa, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No.12, **South by :** Site No.14.

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CORRIGENDUM - I

Sl. No	Description	Details
1.	Name of work	Renovation of Existing Toilets in VIP Canteen Building & C&MG Building at ISITE Campus, URSC, Marathahalli, Bengaluru - 560037.
2.	E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/C/M/17/2026-27 dated: 03/06/2026
3.	Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 20.87 Lakhs
4.	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	Extended upto 16.30 hrs on 06/07/2026
5.	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Up to 14.30 hrs. on 09/07/2026
6.	Due date and time of opening of tenders	After 14.31 hrs on 09/07/2026

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.**

Group Director, C & MG, URSC

SEEDS OF DESPAIR

Kerala lost over 24,500 farmers to suicide in 27 yrs

Idukki saw highest No. of deaths at 453, followed by Palakkad at 404

RAJESH ABRAHAM @Kochi

KERALA'S agrarian distress has claimed an alarming human toll, with 24,591 farmers and farm workers dying by suicide between 1995 and 2022. That amounts to an average of 1,069 deaths every year, exposing the deepening crisis in the state's rural economy.

The figures -- presented by Dr Martin Patrick, a retired Maharaja's College professor and a former principal of the Rural Academy for Management Studies, Kuzhuppilly -- appear in the book 'Karshika Keralam Pinnitta Arupathu Pathittandukal' published by the Sacred Heart College, Thevara, and the Organic Kerala Charitable Trust.

In a chapter titled 'Farmer Suicides and Debt Trap: A Perspective from the Rural Sector', Dr Patrick notes that Kerala accounted for 4.25% of the country's farm suicides during the period, with 92% of those who died being men, significantly higher than the national average of 80%. The crisis has shown little sign of easing. Between 2014 and 2022, Kerala recorded 2,233 farmer suicides. Idukki reported the highest number (453), followed by Palakkad (404) and Thiruvananthapuram (337).

"Debt has become the alpha and omega for farmers—the beginning and the end," Dr Patrick writes, identifying indebtedness as the principal reason behind the continuing tragedy.

Citing official surveys, he points out that nearly one-third of Kerala's population is burdened by debt, almost double the national average. According to the 2021 NABARD survey, the average monthly income of a rural household in Kerala stood at Rs 16,788, against an expenditure of Rs 14,778, leaving a modest monthly saving of Rs 2,010. This marks a steep decline from Rs 3,975 recorded in 2016-17—a fall of nearly 48%.

Kerala also has the country's highest average household indebtedness at Rs 1.99 lakh. Nearly 70% of farmers in the state are in debt, with an average liability of Rs 2.2 lakh, according to the National Sample Survey. A study by the Kerala Independent Farmers Association estimates the average debt at Rs 5.46 lakh.

Beyond debt, the study identifies climate change, wild animal attacks, rising cultivation costs, fluctuating crop prices, and policy decisions as major drivers of distress. Unlike the single-crop suicide belts seen elsewhere in India, Kerala's crisis spans multiple crops.

Fake Navy officer held; uniforms, insignia seized

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

A 43-year-old man accused of posing as an Indian Navy officer and duping a Pathanamthitta native of ₹18 lakh in a job scam was arrested on Friday in a joint inspection by the state intelligence, the anti-terrorism squad (ATS) and naval intelligence. They also seized Navy uniforms, insignia, walkie-talkies, swords and plaques from his flat at Palarivattom.

The arrested is Bimal Namboothiri alias Bimal S Vijayan, a native of Adoor in Pathanamthitta. Police said he escaped from the flat when he learnt of the raid, but was later arrested from Chengamanad. According to the police, the accused had previously worked as a priest in Ernakulam. He allegedly collected ₹18 lakh from the complainant, a Pandalam native, after promising jobs for the complainant's wife and sister.

Police said the accused received the money in multiple instalments between July 2023 and January 2025. However, he failed to secure the promised jobs and returned only ₹3 lakh of the amount.

Vijay names 'Jana Nayagan' producer as TN's spl Delhi rep

T MURUGANANDHAM @Chennai

THE TVK government has appointed **K Venkata Narayana**, chairman of the KVN Group, as the Tamil Nadu government's special representative in New Delhi. KVN Productions is the film and entertainment arm of the group based in Bengaluru, which produced the much awaited Vijay-starrer 'Jana Nayagan', which has been in news over the recent months. Perhaps for the first time, a non-politician has been appointed to this significant post.

Conventionally state governments appoint an IAS officer as the resident commissioner in New Delhi for administrative purposes. But certain states, including TN, have special representatives in the national capital, a politically significant post. This time, the chairman of a private company is going to don this key role.

The special representative of the TN government in New Delhi strengthens coordination with union ministries, follows up on major infrastructure, finance and development projects, advocates the state's position on policy matters, etc. During the past two decades, K Selvendran (DMK), A Asokan and N Thalavai Sundaram (AIADMK) and A K S Vijayan (DMK) have held the post in the national capital.

According to the KVN Group's web portal, Venkata Narayana is chairman of the diversified KVN Group, with interests in real estate and film and entertainment. A former CEO of Prestige Group with over 25 years of leadership experience, he founded KVN Productions in 2020. The company has distributed over 25 blockbuster films and currently has more than eight multilingual films in production featuring stars such as Yash, Vijay, Akshay Kumar and Chiranjeevi.

BJP state president Nainar Nagenthran condemned the appointment of Venkata Narayana, a person close to Karnataka CM D K Shivakumar, as the Tamil Nadu government's special representative, saying that, amid the Mekedatu water dispute, appointing such a person to such a key post was against Tamil Nadu's interests.

TN Chief Minister Vijay inaugurates the 'Start Run Stop Drugs' anti-drug run on the occasion of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, in Chennai on Friday | X, @CMOTAMILNADU

No decision on Tiruchy bypoll: Stalin

DMK president M K Stalin on Friday said the party had not yet decided whether he would contest the expected by-election to the Tiruchy East Assembly constituency. Stalin was responding to reporters' questions about ex-minister K N Nehru's recent statement that the DMK leader would soon enter the Assembly. On June 24, Nehru had referred to Chief Minister Vijay's remark against Stalin in the Assembly, and said it had deeply hurt DMK cadres. He said party workers had resolved to ensure Stalin's entry into the Assembly. **ENS**

MDMK discusses alliance with DMK

The MDMK high-level committee met at the party headquarters in Chennai on Friday under presidium chairman A Arjun Raj to discuss resolutions including one on continuance in the DMK alliance to be placed before the party's general council meeting scheduled for Saturday. General Secretary Vaiko was present. Meanwhile, the absence of Sirkazhi MLA R Senthil Selvan at the meeting raised eyebrows. A few district secretaries claimed the MLA was keen on continuing in the DMK and therefore skipped the meeting. TNIE's efforts to reach him failed. **ENS**

No quota for converts to Islam, rules Madras HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Madurai

STRIKING down a TN government's 2024 GO that allows converts from BC, MBC, denotified community or SC backgrounds to be issued community certificates as BC Muslim, the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court on Thursday held that upon conversion, the person who converts to Islam becomes only a Muslim and is not entitled to reservation.

Hearing a petition filed by N Sameer Ahamed (formerly N Paramasivam) of Thoothukudi district in 2022 to quash the rejection order of his online application by the Kayathar Tahsildar seeking to issue community certificate to him as Muslim Lebbai, a division bench of Justices GR Swaminathan and PB Balaji said if the GO (Ms) No 31 dated March 9, 2024 is sustained, the writ petition has to be allowed, and if the same GO is found to be bad, the petition has to be dismissed.

The court said both Christian missionaries and Islamic preachers for centuries claimed their religions offer social equality unlike Hinduism, which has castes. Islam seeks to establish an egalitarian society and there is no social hierarchy. Be that as it may, due to historical reasons, Islamic society is also stratified into various communities.

As held by the Division Bench of the MHC more than 75 years ago, upon conversion to Islam, one becomes a Muslim. "We hold that a convert to Islam cannot claim the status of Backward Class Muslim. He is only a Muslim and that's all there is to it," the judges said.

EXPRESS READ

4 suspended for errors in Odisha textbooks

BHUBANESWAR: The Odisha state government on Friday suspended the former director of Teachers Training and State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) and three assistant directors while initiating disciplinary proceedings against six other officers for the massive errors in the school textbooks published for Classes I to VIII under the National Education Policy (NEP) framework. Manoj Padhi was the director of SCERT when the textbooks were finalised, is currently serving as a special secretary in the Higher Education department. Three assistant directors of SCERT Pralipta Mishra, Dilip Kumar Sahu and Bharati Tudu were also placed under suspension for the lapses. **ENS**

Jumbo attacks 'Elephant Whisperers' mahout

COIMBATORE: Bomman, a mahout and one of the central figures in the Oscar-winning documentary "The Elephant Whisperers", was injured when a female captive elephant named Masini attacked him on Friday. Forest officials said, the 58-year-old mahout has been caring for Masini at the Theppakadu Elephant Camp in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in the Nilgiris. On Friday, when Bomman went to take the elephant for its routine bath, the animal allegedly turned aggressive and chased him. While attempting to escape, Bomman tripped and fell, and the elephant stepped on his shoulder, severely injuring him. The captive elephant had earlier killed a mahout named M Balan in 2023. **ENS**

Not drugs, but was crushing tablet at IPL match: TVK min

CHENNAI: Minister for Human Resources Management D Sarathkumar on Friday denied allegations of drug use at a cricket stadium, saying a two-year-old video of him crushing a white substance with a credit card has been deliberately misrepresented. A DMK lawyer has filed a police complaint alleging the minister had consumed drugs during an IPL match, after the video that went viral on social media showed him using a credit card to crush a white substance on what appeared to be a wallet inside a crowded stadium. He said the family had attended the match together, and a young child had fallen ill and was refusing to take medication. On his wife's request, he said, he crushed the tablets so they could be mixed with water and fed to the child. "The video was taken when I was crushing the tablet. It is now being falsely shared as if I were using drugs. This is very painful," he said. His wife added that the tablet was prescribed for their child, who was one and a half years old at the time. The minister also noted that the incident occurred inside a packed IPL venue amid heavy police presence with thousands of spectators around. **ENS**

ALL THEIR HUES

Members of the LGBTIQA+ community posing with rainbow flags, vibrant costumes and pride-themed accessories during a photo opportunity at the Sahodaran office, ahead of the Chennai Pride March scheduled to be held in Egmore on June 28 | P RAVIKUMAR

62 migrant workers left for Odisha, some for good, haunted by painful memories

RAJALAKSHMI SAMPATH @Chennai

AS the death toll in Sunday's ammonia gas leak at St Peter & Paul Sea Food Exports Private Limited in Tiruvallur climbed to 15 on Friday, the first batch of 62 migrant workers from Odisha boarded a train in Chennai at 10 am and left for their hometowns, leaving behind the tragedy that has still left many battling for their lives.

The workers from the tribal community left the Puratchi Thalaivar Dr M G Ramachandran Chennai Central Station – where they had landed in batches a few months ago for a better livelihood in TN – carrying their little belongings and painful memories. Some of them told TNIE they would never return to work at any kind of factory.

Among them was Rajamika Juang (20), cousin of Geeta Juang (24), one of the victims. Waiting on the platform, Rajamika broke down as she recalled learning about Geeta's death only after the body had reached their native village. "I don't know what I will tell my parents and relatives," she said.

Rajamika alleged that despite repeatedly seeking updates at the relief camp, neither the Tamil Nadu nor the Odisha authorities informed her of Geeta's death. "I kept asking about my sister's health, but nobody gave me a clear answer. My family later called to say her body had reached our village. I was shocked. I will never come back here. I will work in my own place."

Her experience was echoed by Vidyadhar Juanga, alias Rajesh, who spent two days outside a hospital in Tiruvallur believing he would accompany his 15-year-old sister Gumani Juanga's body home. He later learnt that her mortal remains had already been airlifted to Odisha. "I was told I would take my sister's body home. Later, I learnt it had already reached Odisha," he said.

One Ananth (21), who was exposed to the ammonia leak and got discharged after treatment, said he would never work in a factory again. "We are travelling safely now. But I will never come back here for work," he said.

Independent labour activist Sudharson alleged that one worker wanted to get off the train after learning a relative had been admitted to hospital but could not do so. He also claimed officials prevented activists from interacting freely with workers. Officials said arrangements were under way to send the remaining workers from Jharkhand and Assam home.

Migrant workers affected by the Ammonia gas tragedy moved to their home town in Odisha by the government labour department authorities via Chennai Central on Friday | EXPRESS

BEFORE THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES, KARNATAKA
IN THE MATTER OF LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP ACT, 2008 UNDER SECTION 13(3)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF EXCELLENCE AND EMINENCE LLP (LLPIN - AAJ-8258) HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT S-6, DECCAN SHELTERS APATMTS, YELAHANKA, 27TH CROSS, 14TH MAIN, JUDICIAL LAYOUT, BANGALORE, KARNATAKA – 560065

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For and on behalf of
Excellence And Eminence LLP
Sd/-
Behara Ravi Prakash
Designated Partner
DPIN - 07816111
Date: 26-06-2026 Place: Bengaluru

File No. Admin-18011(11)/21/2026-eoffice
Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Directorate General of Health Service
Central Drugs Standard Control Organization
(Drugs Section)
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Deputy Director (Admn), CDSCO HQ,
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Sd/-
Under Secretary to the Government of India

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EDITORIAL

"Tomorrow was created yesterday... And by the day before yesterday, too. To ignore history is to ignore the wolf at the door — John le Carré

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— Ramnath Goenka

STRATEGIC AUTONOMY REQUIRES DEFENCE TECH TO LEAVE FOREIGN CRUTCH

THE deadlock over General Electric's F414 engine pricing is far more than a commercial dispute. It is a reminder of a hard truth India has spent decades trying to escape: strategic dependence carries strategic costs. As reported first by this newspaper, GE is seeking nearly three times the originally estimated price for the engines that will power the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), India's flagship fifth-generation fighter programme.

The issue is not merely the cost of 15 engines needed for prototypes. The F414 is expected to power Tejas Mark II, a twin-engine fighter and the initial AMCA variants, potentially locking India into a requirement for more than 200 engines over the coming years. This is precisely the vulnerability that defence *atmanirbharta* was meant to address. Once a platform is designed around a foreign engine, radar or weapon system, the supplier acquires leverage. Costs escalate, timelines slip and negotiations become asymmetric because switching suppliers midway is often prohibitively expensive.

The irony is striking. At a time when India is emerging as a defence exporter, with BrahMos missile sales expanding its footprint in Southeast Asia, it remains heavily dependent on foreign suppliers for some of the most critical technologies. Part of the problem lies in a persistent misunderstanding of technology transfer. Manufacturing under licence is not the same as mastering a technology. India has assembled aircraft for decades, yet genuine design capability in critical areas such as engines remains elusive. Technology agreements often transfer production knowhow, not the deeper ecosystem of research and knowledge that can create the next generation of products.

However, domestic institutions cannot escape scrutiny. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's repeated delays in aircraft deliveries have undermined confidence and complicated force planning. Self-reliance cannot become an excuse for inefficiency. Indigenous capability must be accompanied by accountability, speed and execution. The challenge is becoming tougher as technology controls tighten globally, whether for artificial intelligence, semiconductors or defence systems. India cannot assume that access will always be available.

Defence *atmanirbharta*, therefore, demands sustained investment in research, greater private-sector participation, acquisition of critical technologies where possible and a willingness to build capabilities that may take decades to mature. The F414 dispute is not merely about engines. It is about whether India can finally break the cycle of dependence that keeps strategic autonomy perpetually out of reach.

MAKE SMALLER VIP CONVOYS THE RULE, NOT EXCEPTIONS

THE VVIP convoy culture is like a slow-spreading blot on India's democratic fabric. As the number of those officially recognised as 'very very important persons' has grown, it has left ever-lengthening traffic snarl-ups in its wake. The common citizen often watches dignitaries passing by with elaborate security arrangements—complete with pilot vehicles, multiple escort cars, an ambulance, a signal-jamming vehicle and other support vehicles. A Congress MLA in Punjab even claimed in 2022 that his own party's Chief Minister had a convoy of 42 vehicles, longer than the previous incumbent's 33.

Although the Union home ministry's guidelines clearly stipulate that traffic should not be stopped for most VIPs—with exceptions limited only to a handful of top-level dignitaries—these instructions are routinely ignored. Given the widespread public frustration this causes, Tamil Nadu CM Joseph Vijay's recent 'people-first' approach to traffic management has earned appreciation. Vijay has mandated that public vehicles, ambulances and school buses be allowed to move alongside his convoy. Instead of halting all other traffic, his motorcade uses just one lane while a parallel or opposite lane is kept fully open to public. Temporary barricades used to separate the CM's convoy from other lanes are promptly removed once the motorcade passes. It's not a surprise that this, along with Vijay's occasional practice of skipping the standard security protocol to drive his own car, has struck a chord with the general public.

However, Vijay is not the first leader to adopt such a traffic-friendly measure. In 2021, former CM M K Stalin had pruned the length of his motorcade by almost half after it had caused a major traffic jam in Chennai. Revanth Reddy in Telangana and Uddhav Thackeray in Maharashtra, too, had opted for smaller convoys. More recently, the Prime Minister's convoy was sharply reduced to convey a message of austerity in the face of the global fuel crisis. Other ministers also trimmed their fleets.

This should not be a matter of choice, but a standard arrangement reviewed by the security agencies and implemented by the police. Smaller convoys, limited movement along a temporarily barricaded lane and better transit planning to avoid peak hours should be instituted for all. Our leaders must remember that they are elected to serve the people—not to get in their way.

QUICK TAKE

CLOTHING THE WORLD

TWO events marked every June in the western hemisphere stand for India's rich history as the world's clothier for centuries. This week, as Brazil celebrated the São João festival, lakhs of men in the country's north wore bright red shirts sporting Madras checks. Earlier this month, the US Senate adopted a bipartisan resolution to observe the second midweek of every June as Seersucker Thursday, when the lawmakers would wear cotton jackets with the trademark wrinkly textile that gets its name from *sheer-o-shakkar* (figuratively, smooth and rough). Both weaves, which travelled westwards through British colonialists, are reminders of India's once-vast textile trade that left long trails across the world. Rather than being content only with earning Geographical Indication or Unesco Heritage tags, the government must promote our textiles worldwide.

A century before Trump, another President's tariffs had deepened a depression and caused shanty towns to sprout across the US. This time, the global economy is much more interconnected

TRAIPSING DOWN THE ROAD TO TRUMPVILLE

K M CHANDRASEKHAR
Former Cabinet Secretary

SOURAV ROY

FOLLOWING the end of the First World War, American agriculture faced a severe depression as the sudden emergence of strong foreign competition, particularly from Europe, sent farm prices crashing. In 1928, during his presidential campaign, Republican candidate Herbert Hoover promised to adjust tariffs to support farmers, who then constituted 20 percent of the population. Hoover won the election, and early in 1929, Representative Willis C Hawley of the House Ways and Means Committee and Senator Reed Smoot of the Senate Finance Committee began framing a law to readjust tariffs.

This was, by no means, an easy process, as multiple interests were represented by members of Congress and Senators across the country, all seeking to protect local industries. The exercise stretched over two years as representatives traded votes for particular sectors in a process popularly known as "logrolling". Ultimately, specific duties were imposed on a vast array of goods, and President Hoover approved the law in 1930.

At the time, the global and American economies were already in the throes of the Great Depression. While this downturn resulted primarily from the collapse of the financial sector, trade restrictions added fuel to the fire, particularly since the specific duties placed a heavy burden on consumers as prices collapsed everywhere. As import prices plunged by nearly 50 percent between 1929 and 1932, the effective average tariff rate on dutiable goods surged from 40.1 percent in 1929 to 59.1 percent by 1932; moreover, competing countries retaliated by imposing duties on American goods.

Between 1929 and 1934, global trade fell by 66 percent and industrial production by 32 percent. There was mayhem in the global economy, and Americans suffered heavily, too. Shanty towns, nicknamed 'Hoovervilles', sprang up across the US. John Steinbeck's novel *The Grapes of Wrath* tells the story of an impoverished Oklahoma family moving to California in search of a living during the Great Depression. Roosevelt was eventually elected President, and Congress's authority to set individual tariffs was curtailed.

President Trump, in his first term in 2018-19 and more comprehensively in 2025, decided to become Hoover the Second. On the so-called Liberation Day in 2025, he announced sweeping increases in tariffs on goods from all territories. He also expressed a deep animosity towards immigrants. At an internal meeting, he referred to various African nations as "s...tholes"—a statement that aroused the ire of the African Union, which retaliated by stating that the rhetoric hurts shared global values on diversity and human rights.

Individual African countries used stronger language. In Kenya, activist Boniface Mwangi urged Americans to impeach their "narcissist, racist" president, calling him an "embarrassment". Trump famously called Kim Jong Un of North Korea "Rocket Man" and threatened to wipe that country off the map, a threat we heard repeated recently when he threatened to destroy the ancient civilisation of Iran. Kim retaliated, threatening to "tame the mentally deranged US dotard with fire".

Furthermore, Indian immigrants were placed in shackles and flown to India in military aircraft—an act against which the Indian foreign ministry "strongly registered" its concern. In his use of inappropriate language and his implementation of strong-arm actions, Trump certainly left Hoover far behind.

While imposing tariffs on Liberation Day, Trump naively ignored the fact that global value chains now dominate production. When he imposed tariffs on steel and aluminium in his first term, downstream US industries suffered significantly, resulting in a $3.5 billion loss in 2021. There was no evidence of American manufacturers 'reshoring' their units following the 2025 tariffs. American manufacturing construction spending actually declined by 21 percent from mid-2024, bringing down industrial output; if there was any growth, it was primarily in AI data centres and power infrastructure.

The 2018-19 tariff increases had resulted in a spate of retaliatory duties, the brunt of which was borne by American agriculture. Between mid-2018 and the end of 2019, agricultural exports declined by $27 billion, with China accounting for 95 percent of the loss in export value. The Penn Wharton Budget Model estimates that the Liberation Day tariffs will reduce long-run GDP by 6 percent and lower US wages by 5 percent. According to this study, a middle-income household would face a lifetime loss of $22,000.

Additionally, the 2025 tariffs pushed up inflation and poverty. Because tariffs act as indirect taxes that reduce real household purchasing power, they drove the cost of living significantly higher. The Budget Lab estimated that the 2025 tariffs alone would increase the number of Americans living in poverty by between 6.5 lakh and 8.75 lakh, including up to 3.75 lakh children.

Fortunately, the US Supreme Court, in *Learning Resources vs Trump*, struck down the tariffs imposed under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, ruling that the statute did not empower the President to set tariffs unilaterally. This angered Trump, who turned to Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974 and imposed 10 percent tariffs *ad valorem* on all countries.

The US Court of International Trade struck down this action, but the tariffs continue to be collected on the strength of a stay obtained from the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. However, these tariffs can remain in place only for 150 days, until July 24. He has also initiated action under Section 301, but this can be used only for individual tariffs and involves a long-drawn-out process.

Meanwhile, dissatisfied with the outcome, Trump turned his attention to Iran, instigated by Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel. He assumed that a war would end in days with the assassination of Ayatollah Khamenei. However, Iran had its own plans. Today, even after temporary ceasefires and a framework for a peace agreement, the world holds its breath as the Strait of Hormuz opens one day and then closes the next, although sanctions on Iran's oil sales have been lifted for a month.

Trump desires to establish his place in history as an unconquerable President who stamped his supremacy over the world. Instead, he risks being recorded as a blundering US leader who caused untold harm to global economic stability and international security. His legacy may ultimately be defined not by his perceived strength, but by the systemic damage his policies inflicted upon the prosperity of his own citizens and the fragile interconnectedness of the modern global order. Hopefully, there will be no 'Trumpvilles' springing up by the end of his term.

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TRACING THE FAMILY TREE OF TREES

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SPEAKEASY

THE Major Oak of Sherwood forest, the only visible relic of the Robin Hood mythos and a pilgrimage destination for millions, has been declared dead, leaving us to ponder the memory of trees. The 1,200-year-old tree, whose massive trunk is believed to have concealed the bandit and his merry men at a sticky time, failed to produce foliage this spring. The Major Oak will fall one day, but its acorns have apparently been planted all over the world. Even a millennium after the prince of thieves lived and died—if he ever lived at all—his oak will keep his world alive.

No one knows if Robin had indeed hidden from the sheriff of Nottingham in that tree. And the tree's offspring are growing far from home, their genealogy unauthenticated. But Robin's legend does not rely on evidence, but on the compelling idea that he robbed the rich to give to the poor—a very early expression of the trickle-down effect, tweaked by the intervention of non-state actors. In an unfair, extractive world, the legend is powerful. But the oak? The authenticity of trees is a Ship of Theseus problem.

In popular culture, belief trumps facts. But trees are also heritage and religious objects. Is the Mahabodhi tree at Bodh Gaya authentic? The current avatar is not the tree beneath which Sakyamuni meditated. It was planted in 1881 by Alexander Cunningham, founder of the Archeological Survey of India. He used a cutting from the Jaya Shri Mahabodhi tree at Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka, which is the oldest verified human-planted tree.

In 236 BCE, Emperor Ashoka's children Mahendra and Sanghamitra led a Buddhist mission from Sanchi to Sri Lanka, and planted a branch of the Bodh Gaya tree at Anuradhapura. In December 1964, 2,200 years later, Sri Lanka gifted a cutting of the Jaya Shri Mahabodhi tree to Pakistan President Ayub Khan on a State visit, and Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, then foreign minister, planted it in the Taxila Museum.

The original Mahabodhi tree, under which the Buddha found enlightenment, was destroyed three times in antiquity alone, and its successors faced adversity, too. Cunningham was filling a void when he planted a cutting in 1881—the previous avatar of the tree had fallen in a storm in 1876. He planted another Bodhi tree for Hindu worshippers nearby. Tacitly, the second tree acknowledged even older cultures—Bodhi trees have figured in Indian faiths, in sacred groves, temples, ghats, squares and crossroads, from remote antiquity.

Mindful of past calamities, in 2010, the government planted an offspring of Cunningham's Mahabodhi tree as a backup, in case the present avatar ever fails—like Robin's oak now has. But then, to complicate matters, the Forest Research Institute at Dehradun conducted genetic tests which suggested that Cunningham's tree for Hindus was of older stock than his tree for Buddhists. Age is a marker of authenticity.

RSPB

The oak in which Robin Hood is believed to have hidden from the sheriff of Nottingham has died, leaving acorns scattered around the world. Given the centrality of trees like the ones under which the Buddha and Newton were enlightened, it's worth tracing their histories

So, what is the yardstick of authenticity? What does it mean with respect to the distant past? Does biological descent matter if it cannot be fully tested—if it is not falsifiable, in the language of science? Humans and bots are now spending aeons of time, terabytes of data and gigawatts of energy on the internet promoting exclusivist theories of nation, race, community, caste, colour—in short, identity politics.

These theories are hollow because they are immune to falsification. They are beliefs. And so is the idea of authenticity.

Consider the world's most famous tree, which allegedly bore Newton's apple. The façade of the Great Gate of Trinity College in Cambridge, UK, features a statue of its founder, King Henry VIII. In his time, it wielded a sceptre. But recalling his appetite for violence, generations of students have replaced his sceptre with the leg of a chair, a common weapon in classical English brawls. In contrast to this horrible royal legacy, right beside the gate are the lodgings of Isaac Newton, facing a little garden with an apple tree. In school, you may have learned of the importance of Newton's apple tree in the history of science.

But this tree at Trinity does not bear the authentic patina of time. It was grafted in 1954 from the apple tree in Newton's childhood home in Woolsthorpe Manor, Lincolnshire. Newton went home from Trinity in 1665 to escape the plague. There, a home-grown apple is said to have impinged upon his head and jolted open the doors of perception. His *Principia* was published 22 years later. It took time to appreciate that falling fruit obey the inverse square law, and that gravity is a fundamental force of the universe.

If the most famous trees are potentially inauthentic, Robin Hood's oak is doubly so, because Robin himself is perhaps inauthentic. In the Sherwood forest area, of course, he is a living presence. People recall playing cops and robbers in his tree as children, before it was cordoned off as a heritage site.

But Robin's depiction as a socialist revolutionary who forcefully redistributed wealth, like the guerrilla ascetics in Bankim Chandra's *Anandamath*, has always been questioned, right from a passage in the 14th century poem, '*Piers Plowman*'. The ambivalence persists in the latest iteration of the legend, *The Death of Robin Hood*, whose theatre release is imminent. Michael Sarnoski presents Robin as a violent thug, with none of the saving graces of the myth.

As Chinua Achebe said, history will not be rewritten until the lions have their own historians. And trees, as well as legendary figures, are far more enigmatic than lions.

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Journalistic principle

Ref: *Warning of Emergency* (Jun 26). The remembrance serves not only as a reminder that the threats to democracy can re-emerge, but also as a lesson that opposition to authoritarianism doesn't always remain consistent. This newspaper, under the leadership of the fearless Ramnath Goenka, played a historic role in safeguarding democratic values. What is remarkable is that it continues to uphold that legacy even today. The continued commitment of this newspaper to remembering and reflecting on the Emergency demonstrates why a free and courageous press remains indispensable.
S Sundareswara Pandiyan, Chennai

PPP frailties

Ref: *Fund Hyd'bad Metro together* (Jun 26). The financial difficulties reflect a wider problem with public-private partnership models. When route alignment decisions are changed mid-project, the commercial viability assumptions collapse entirely. Future metro projects must lock in route and ridership commitments before private operators are asked to bear financial risk.
Abbharna Barathi, email

Disaster control

Ref: *Stirring awake* (Jun 26). While the first lesson for India from the devastating Venezuela earthquake is to prioritise highly resilient, decentralised communication systems in the regions in seismic zones IV and V, it is absolutely necessary to lay down strict structural building codes in those regions to prevent rapid collapses.
N Rama Rao, email

Invoking Sartre

Ref: *Proem on being* (Jun 26). The author's expression of the chasm between humans and AI has beautifully captured the classical dichotomy expounded by French existential philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre between being-in-itself (*en soi*) and being-for-itself (*pour soi*). The understanding of Sartre's ingenious "nothingness" has precisely dissected the brilliance of human consciousness, achieving the 'authentic being', versus algorithmically-trained datasets used by sophisticated automaton.
Uppu Narayana, Kadapa

Citizenship conundrum

Ref: *Passport proof* (Jun 26). It's bizarre that a passport is not proof of citizenship, especially when it is issued after the submission of multiple documents, police verification and other requisite checks. The government of the day ought to appreciate that the public cannot be taken for a ride.
Aanya Singhal, Noida

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
From the streets to Parliament, your trust is my greatest strength. The journey is long, but my resolve remains the same—I will keep fighting every battle for you.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
The 'BJP gang' won't escape God's audit. NEET students are saying that since resignations have begun, go ahead and fix the 'Leak Lord' too.

Yogi Adityanath @myogiadityanath
The SIT's report came in, and immediate action was initiated. Whoever tampers with Sanatan faith will be the one to suffer the consequences.

Tejas Mk1A hits fresh roadblock

Already delayed by over two years, one of the six GE engines fails acceptance parameters

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

ALREADY running over two years behind schedule, the Tejas Mk1A programme has hit another snag, with one of the six GE F404-IN20 engines delivered so far failing mandatory acceptance parameters during inspection, it is learnt.

Sources privy to the matter told this newspaper that Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has sought rectification from US aerospace major General Electric, leaving it with only five serviceable engines. Another source said HAL is expected to demonstrate progress by September in ironing out integration issues involving the Israeli AESA radar, another factor delaying deliveries.

Apart from radar certification, the other mandatory operational benchmarks still pending include the missile-firing trials and full validation of the aircraft's weapons package. Sources said the integration of the indigenous Astra beyond-visual-range air-to-air missile (BVRAAM) too had thrown up difficulties during trials, necessitating further refinement and validation before full operational clearance.

The integration challenge, sources explained, is largely about ensuring that the radar, electronic warfare suite and weapons architecture communicate seamlessly through the mission computer. Certain performance benchmarks linked to radar range and optimisation have also required additional testing and software-level corrections.

IAF examining relaxations to expedite deliveries

Separately, the Indian Air Force, which had earlier shown flexibility on certain delivery-linked operational requirements to facilitate induction, is learnt to be examining additional relaxations to expedite deliveries. The delays come at a time when the IAF is down to 29 operational fighter squadrons against a sanctioned strength of 42.5, even as it confronts the prospect of a twin threat from China and Pakistan.

The development comes at a time when GE is separately also negotiating with India for F414 engines to power the flagship fifth-gen Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA). As reported by this newspaper, the American company has sought around triple the price for supplying engines for prototypes.

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The 180 Tejas Mk1A fighters on order are expected to progressively replace ageing aircraft and arrest the steady decline in the IAF's squadron numbers. The six engines delivered so far are part of the 2021 contract worth $716 million for 99 F404-IN20 engines to power the first 83 Tejas Mk1A fighters. The first engine reached HAL only in March 2025, a year after the first aircraft was contractually due to be delivered to the IAF. The sixth engine arrived in April.

The delays have also brought HAL under scrutiny, with the MoD weighing a financial penalty on the company. The penalty would stem from standard contractual provisions relating to delayed deliveries, and would not be punitive in an extraordinary sense.

Incidentally, HAL has itself invoked the liquidated damages clause against GE Aerospace for delays in supplying F404 engines, the principal bottleneck affecting the programme.

In April, then HAL chairman and managing director D K Sunil said GE had assured delivery of 20 F404 engines between June and December this year. A subsequent HAL briefing projected deliveries of 15 to 20 engines by year-end. GE has committed to raising production to 24 engines in 2026-27 and 30 annually thereafter.

India signed a follow-on contract worth around ₹8,300 crore ($1 billion) in November 2025 for 113 additional F404 engines to power the 97 additional Tejas Mk1A fighters.

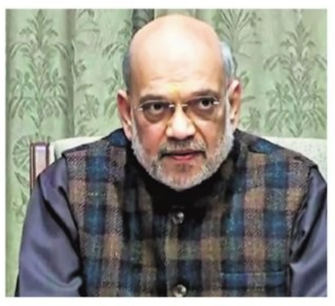
NDPS Act to be amended to check loopholes used by narco rings: Shah

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

CALLING for a ruthless approach against drug peddlers and suppliers, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said the Centre has been working on a bill to amend the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act to plug loopholes exploited by narco syndicates and consultations with all stakeholders are underway for this purpose.

Addressing the 10th apex-level meeting of the Narco-Coordination Centre (NCORD), Shah asked the states to submit suggestions on the proposed amendments to further strengthen the country's anti-narcotics framework. He told states to adopt a "detect, disrupt and destroy" strategy against drug trafficking networks while advocating a compassionate approach towards victims of addiction.

Shah said the next three years would be decisive in India's fight against narcotics and urged states to strengthen coordination, real-time intelligence sharing and enforcement against drug syndicates. "Today, our country stands at such a delicate juncture in the battle against narcotics that the coming three years will determine whether addiction conquers us or we conquer it. For the future of our nation over the next 100 years, we must collectively fight this with unwavering resolve. For this, all governments must come together on a single platform. We must also include saints who guide the public, in particular youth, who will shape the future and the power of motherhood," he said.



'Detect, deduct, destroy'

"We will have to break the network of the smugglers. We should destroy the network. Kingpin should not be left at any cost. 'Detect, deduct and destroy', these three aims should be prepared accordingly," Shah said.

While stressing the need for a tough stance against drug syndicates, Shah said rehabilitation for victims should be ensured. "Those indulged in drugs business are the biggest hurdles. Our response should be a roadmap-based approach. We will have to move ahead in a ruthless way," he said.

Emphasising that the NCORD meetings should become result-oriented, Shah said, "I urge all chief secretaries and police chiefs to move forward in the direction of making NCORD meetings result-oriented. The number of meetings is increasing, but it is also essential that they be result-oriented. Is effective implementation taking place on the decisions taken? Are those decisions reviewed in the next meeting? Is there a rigorous and serious analysis of them? Efforts made at the state level in the direction of making meetings result-oriented can lead us to success."

Referring to scale of coordination over the past year, Shah said, "Over 15,870 meetings were done in the last year in the fight against drugs. We will have to take it forward. The meetings are up to the mark, but we will have to review if these meetings are purpose-driven."

Highlighting enforcement priorities, he said authorities must intensify monitoring of dark web, dismantle synthetic drug manufacturing units and destroy trafficking networks. "Dark web monitoring, circulation of drugs, labs prepared for synthetic drugs should be our priority...We will have to break the network of the smugglers. We should destroy the network. Kingpin should not be left at any cost. 'Detect, deduct and destroy', these three aims should be prepared accordingly," Shah added.

NIA files chargesheet against 11 from JMB offshoot for spreading terror

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a chargesheet against 11 accused in connection with a terror conspiracy orchestrated by a branch of the banned Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) terrorist organisation.

"Investigations revealed the active involvement of the accused in the conspiracy of Imam Mahmuder Kafila (IMK), a branch of the JMB, to expand the terror outfit's terrorist ideology in West Bengal and the north-eastern states of India, including Assam and Tripura. The conspiracy involved promotion of the terrorist organisation's extremist agenda, radicalisation of vulnerable youth, and expansion of the outfit's network in India," the agency said in a statement.

The NIA probe found that JBM's senior member Imam Mahmud Habibullah had established IMK to promote the banned outfit's agenda on Indian soil. The federal agency further revealed that the 11 accused had conspired to grow the presence of the outfits in India through clandestine meetings, religious indoctrination programmes, circulation of extremist literature, and use of digital platforms for anti-India propaganda.

Formed in 2018

Banned Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh's branch Imam Mahmuder Kafila was formed in 2018 to propagate the extremist ideology of Ghazwatul Hind, with the aim of expanding the banned outfit's activities in India.

"Two of the key chargesheeted accused have been identified as Nasimuddin, who was spearheading IMK's activities in Assam, and Jagir Mia, who was leading the outfit in Tripura. During the course of the investigation, NIA uncovered a trail of incriminating documents, electronic devices and digital records, which were used to build the case against the accused," said an NIA statement.

The accused have been charged under various sections of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023 and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967, 1967. The chargesheet has been filed before the court in Guwahati.

Officials said that the 11 accused were arrested under Operation Pratighat, an exercise against terror outfits, which was intensified recently to neutralize suspected jihadi and radical elements in the north-eastern region. Those held include residents of Barpeta, Chirang, Baksa and Darrang districts in Assam, along with one from West Tripura district. One operative was also arrested in West Bengal and brought to Assam for questioning.

Officials said some of the 11 arrested had travelled to Bangladesh on valid Indian passports and visas for meetings and training before 2023.

Army, IAF join rescue ops in Venezuela

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

INDIA on Friday launched Operation Amistad, dispatching two Indian Air Force (IAF) C-17 Globemaster strategic airlifters carrying an Army field hospital, a 41-member specialised medical contingent and over 35 tonnes of relief material to the earthquake-ravaged Venezuela.

The contingent, drawn from 60 Para Field Hospital, comprises 41 personnel, including nine medical officers. It is equipped to provide emergency medical care, trauma management, life-saving surgical support and other essential healthcare services to those affected by the earthquake.

The team is carrying nearly six tonnes of medical stores and humanitarian relief supplies provided by the external affairs ministry. One of the two aircraft is also transporting a BHISHM Cube under India's Aarogya Maitri Project.

The BHISHM (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog, Hita and Maitri) Cube is an indigenous, rapidly deployable modular hospital. Built from 72 portable components, each complete cube can treat up to 200 casualties, including surgical cases, and can be set up within 12 minutes to bridge the critical "golden hour" after a disaster. It houses portable ventilators, ultrasound and X-ray machines, defibrillators, an operation theatre, a mini-ICU and its own power and oxygen supply.

A 41-member Army team getting ready to fly help for Venezuela quake victims | PTI

Announcing the mission on X, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said, "Operation Amistad underway! Two C17s took off today for Venezuela with urgent assistance to support their post-earthquake relief efforts." He added that India is committed to support the government and people of Venezuela in this difficult time.

In a statement on X, the Additional Directorate General of Public Information (ADGPI) said, "The 41-member team of the Indian Army, from the 60 Para Field Hospital, including nine medical officers, departed today from India aboard two Indian Air Force aircraft."

The aerial distance between India and Venezuela is about 14,300 km, far exceeding the C-17 Globemaster's range of roughly 4,400 km, sources said. As a result, the aircraft will halt in friendly countries for refuelling en route, since India does not have the requisite air-to-air refuelling capability for a mission of this distance.

The mission follows two powerful earthquakes, of 7.2 and 7.5 magnitude, that struck northern Venezuela. The twin quakes have killed at least 235 people, with officials warning the toll could rise further. More than 4,300 people have been injured, and the Venezuelan government has declared a disaster zone and begun setting up a reconstruction fund.

The deployment comes a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi pledged all possible assistance to the earthquake-hit nation and expressed condolences over the loss of life. Venezuela's acting President Delcy Rodríguez thanked Modi for the offer of support. The US has also mounted a parallel humanitarian airlift, deploying transport aircraft from the United States Southern Command.

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Govt crackdown on firm in Kota maternal deaths

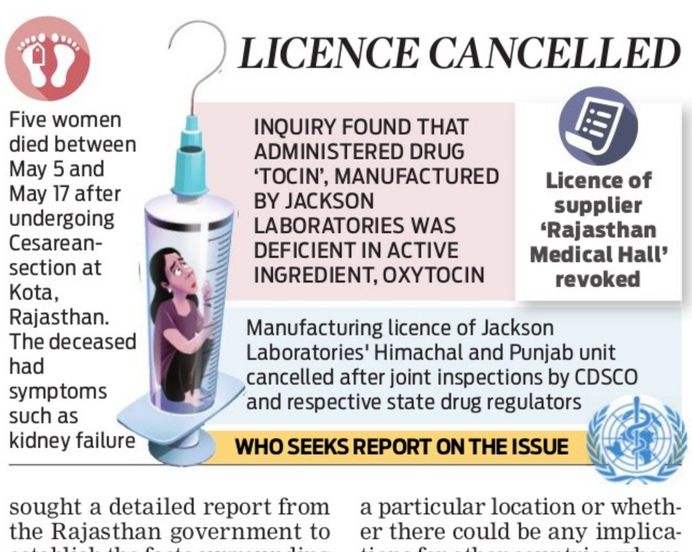
KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

EVEN as the World Health Organization (WHO) has sought a report from India on the deaths of five women following Cesarean section in Rajasthan, the Centre has cracked down on Jackson Laboratories, the company that supplied fake oxytocin injections to the hospital in Kota where the maternal deaths took place. Oxytocin is administered to induce labour and prevent excessive bleeding after childbirth.

According to official sources, the Centre has initiated stringent regulatory action against the company that will involve cancelling the manufacturing licenses of its units in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. The action came following joint inspections of these units by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) and respective state drug regulators.

Five women died between May 5 and May 17 after undergoing Cesarean section deliveries at the government-run New Medical College Hospital in Kota. The deceased had symptoms like kidney failure and urinary failure and blockage.

Senior officials at the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said the Centre has sought a detailed report from the Rajasthan government to establish the facts surrounding the incident.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Licence of supplier 'Rajasthan Medical Hall' revoked
Manufacturing licence of Jackson Laboratories' Himachal and Punjab unit cancelled after joint inspections by CDSCO and respective state drug regulators
WHO SEEKS REPORT ON THE ISSUE

Meanwhile, the WHO has sought additional information from the Centre following media reports referring to oxytocin injection manufactured by Jackson Laboratories. Ministry sources clarified that the WHO's communication was a routine part of the global pharmaco-vigilance and regulatory surveillance mechanism.

Senior officials said the WHO regularly seeks information from national regulatory authorities to determine whether such incidents are confined to a particular location or whether there could be any implications for other countries where the product may have been distributed.

According to officials, the CDSCO, along with the drug regulators of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh, carried out detailed inspections of Jackson Laboratories' manufacturing facilities to assess compliance with Good Manufacturing Practices.

The official added that further investigation is underway, and additional action will be taken in accordance with new findings emerging during the process.

Norms for drug import for test, exam simplified

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Centre has proposed amendments to the drugs rules with the aim to simplify the procedure for obtaining permission for import of drugs for examination, test or analysis.

This will help promote research and innovation and enhancing ease of doing business in the pharmaceutical sector.

The amendments to the Drugs Rules, 1945, introduce an acknowledgement-based system for importing all drugs in small quantities for analytical and non-clinical testing purposes.

Under the revised provisions, applicants must submit a prior intimation form (Form 11) and may import the drug based on the acknowledgement generated upon submission.

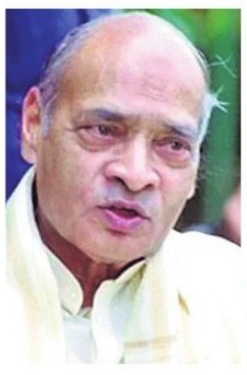
The simplified norms will not be applicable for drugs belonging to the categories of sex hormones, cytotoxic drugs, beta lactam drugs, biologics, and narcotic and psychotropic substances.

Prime Ministers Museum to celebrate 105th birth anniv of Narasimha Rao

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

AS part of the 105th birth anniversary celebrations of former Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao, an exhibition is being organised at the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya (the museum on prime ministers) in New Delhi.

A press statement issued by the Prime Ministers Museum and Library (PMML) said a major attraction of the celebration, scheduled to open on Saturday, will be an exhibition showcasing a rich collection of rare photographs, official documents, speeches, correspondence and archival materials tracing the remarkable journey of Rao.



"The exhibits will highlight his leadership during a critical phase in India's history and his role in introducing the landmark economic reforms of liberalisation, privatisation and globalisation that transformed the nation's economic landscape," the PMML said.

Another highlight of the exhibition will be its exploration of Rao's multifaceted personality as a scholar, freedom fighter, reformer and statesman. Visitors will gain insights into his contributions to governance, diplomacy, economic transformation and nation-building as well as his intellectual and literary pursuits.

"Through this exhibition, Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya aims to celebrate the enduring legacy of the statesman often remembered as the architect of modern, globalised India and to promote greater awareness of his contributions among students, researchers and the general public," said the PMML.

Rao was born on June 28, 1921, in Karimnagar. He studied at Osmania University in Hyderabad, Bombay University and Nagpur University. He was an agriculturist and advocate too before he joined politics and held important portfolios.

Rao served as the prime minister of India from 1991 to 1996. He was the chief minister of united Andhra Pradesh from 1971 to 1973. His interests lay in Indian philosophy and culture, writing fiction and political commentary, learning languages, writing poems in Telugu and Hindi and keeping abreast of literature in general.

The museum showcases the lives, vision and contributions of prime ministers of India. As a part of its regular activities, it has also started celebrating their birthdays.

BRIBERY

The ACB has arrested a sub-registrar for allegedly taking a bribe of ₹10,000 for reducing stamp duty on a plot of land in Maharashtra's Akola district, an official said on Friday.

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Chennai	36	28	Port Blair	30	26
Kolkata	34	28	Imphal	28	22
Srinagar	32	18	Chandigarh	37	29

16 Bishnoi 'men' under Canada lens

Originally from Punjab • Face 56 criminal charges in Calgary • Pictures of 15 suspects released

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AFTER a wave of extortion cases targeted the South Asian community in Calgary in Canadian province of Alberta took place, 16 individuals of Indian origin, hailing from Punjab, are now facing a total of 56 criminal charges. Sources have not ruled out the possibility that the accused could be foot soldiers of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang. The Calgary police has now released pictures of 15 suspects in this connection.

Over the last year, extortion bids against South Asians became a top issue for the Calgary Police Service (CPS), after proliferating in other cities, like Vancouver and the Greater Toronto Area. The police have two ongoing operations focused on extortion: Operation Orion and Operation Outage. While Operation Orion is related to investigation into the cases, Operation Outage includes an increased police presence in areas where South Asian communities live to build trust.

The Calgary police has documented 49 extortion-related incidents since April last year. It includes 19 separate shooting incidents, 18 of which were directly tied to extortion demands, while one involved an intra-network conflict. The police said that of the 16 people charged in these cases, none is a Canadian citizen.

CPS superintendent Jeff Bell said that these suspects are largely in the country on a mix of student or work visas. "We hope that by releasing these photos, community members can provide additional information to help advance our investigations," he said. Bell added that his department was monitoring developments in other parts of the country, including Vancouver, where a recent trial involved allegations of the accused's links to the Lawrence Bishnoi gang. "If we come across any evidence to suggest that, we will be working with our national security partners, as ... [the Bishnoi gang is] considered a terrorist organisation," he said.

The suspects were identified as Ravjot Toor, Germanjeet Singh, Jaskaran Singh, Karanbir Singh, Amandeep Singh, Anurag Sidhu, Anurag Singh, Amandeep Malhi, Sandeep Singh, Daksh Gautam, Akashdeep Singh, Gagandeep Singh, Pardeep Singh, Taranveer Singh and Gurkaran Dhaliwal.

Police have asked for help to locate Germanjeet Singh, wanted on warrants related to an extortion incident, and identifying suspects in two extortion cases in communities of Cityscape and Saddle Ridge.

'Financially vulnerable, young male' picked

The Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada stated in a special bulletin that the extortion bid typically involves "financially vulnerable, young male, Indian nationals in Canada on study permits" being used as foot soldiers by gangs to carry out targeted acts of violence against South Asian diaspora communities across Canada.

2 Indian-origin men nabbed for firing in Surrey

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chandigarh

TWO Indian-origin men hailing from Punjab have been arrested and charged in a case of alleged firing at a residence in Surrey of British Columbia, Canada. The action followed after the Surrey Police Service (SPS) investigated the recent wave of extortion violence.

A statement issued by the Surrey Police stated that two men have been charged with Criminal Code offences in the June 11 incident. "The SPS frontline officers were called shortly after 6 am about reports that gunshots had been fired outside a residence near 96 Avenue and 133A Street approximately 5:30 am. Officers confirmed damage caused by gunfire to the exterior of the residence. The residence was occupied at the time of the shots fired, and fortunately no one was injured," it added.

It added that four men were arrested during the execution of warrants, two of whom were charged with Criminal Code offences. Both of them have been remanded in custody.

Yogi says 'don't play with faith' as Oppn demands SC-monitored probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow/New Delhi

AMID the row over Ayodhya Ram temple funds, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday launched a fresh attack on the opposition, saying action was initiated immediately after the SIT submitted its report. The Congress, however, demanded a Supreme Court-monitored probe into the alleged irregularities in temple funds and dissolution of the Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust.

Yogi said those found responsible for bungling had been arrested. "Do not cast an evil eye on Ayodhya. Do not test Lord Ram's devotees. If there is evidence, present it before the SIT," he said in Deoria, taking aim at the opposition questioning the handling of the case. He said the government viewed the matter seriously because it involved the faith of millions of devotees and warned that anyone found responsible for wrongdoing would not be shielded.

AYODHYA FUNDS ROW

Stepping up its attack on the BJP over the alleged embezzlement of donations, Congress general secretary KC Venugopal said the "self-proclaimed protectors of Hinduism" have been exposed with the revelations of the theft of donations at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

Demanding an independent investigation headed by a sitting Supreme Court judge, Venugopal said that after using Ayodhya for their divisive politics, the BJP "looted" from donations of devotees and made a mockery of their sentiments.

The CPI also sought judicial probe and FIR against senior trust functionaries in alleged embezzlement of donations. The party said the FIR based on the SIT report is only the tip of the iceberg. The "responsibility and possible complicity" of senior trust functionaries cannot be brushed aside. "Registering cases against a few junior functionaries while shielding senior leadership is nothing but a cover-up," the CPI said in a statement.

RANCHI DIARY

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Free exam coaching for tribal students

Tribal students from Jharkhand will be provided free coaching for the civil services competitive examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and the State Public Service Commission (JPSC). The Dr Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute (TRI), managed by the Welfare Department, is launching this free non-residential coaching programme for them. The primary objective of the programme is to provide tribal students with guidance from experienced faculty members of the country's reputed coaching institutes. Candidates will be selected based on their marks in Classes 10, 12, and graduation.

₹4,000 pension for needy state artists

In a major welfare initiative for the cultural community, the Jharkhand government has launched the Monthly Pension (Artist Pension) Scheme to provide social and financial support to elderly, critically ill and permanently differently-abled artists across the state. The scheme, approved under the guidance of CM Hemant Soren, will provide an honorarium of ₹4,000 per month to eligible artists. The amount will be transferred directly to beneficiaries' Aadhaar-linked bank accounts through DBT system. According to officials, the initiative reflects the government's recognition of contributions made by artists to Jharkhand's heritage.

CBSE topper scores 100% after revaluation

Eighteen-year-old Avni Kejriwal DPS, Ranchi, has secured the top rank nationally in the CBSE Senior Secondary Certificate Examination 2025-26 by scoring a flawless 500 out of 500 marks in commerce stream. Interestingly, when the results were first announced, Avni had scored 95.2%, including full marks in Accountancy, Applied Mathematics, and Economics. Unsatisfied with her marks, she opted for re-evaluation. The decision ultimately led to a perfect score. Talking about the strategy, leading her to emerge as a national topper, Avni said that being consistent is important, besides striking a balance in studies and other activities.

76 CIVIC BODIES

Question mark over Raj local body elections

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

AHEAD of municipal and panchayat elections in Rajasthan, the government has officially approved the creation of 76 new municipalities and sanctioned 684 new posts to operationalise them. The High Court had set a deadline of July 31 for the elections. While the state government claims this move will lead to improved grassroots governance, critics argue that this could further delay the long-overdue urban local body (ULB) and Panchayati Raj polls.

With the order issued by the Department of Local Self-Government, the total number of urban local bodies in the state has risen from 309 to 385. Additionally, 684 new posts have been created to strengthen administrative framework and ensure smooth functioning of the new municipalities which the government claims will help accelerate urban development.

The highest number of new municipalities, seven each, will be formed in Jaipur and Jhunjhunu districts. In Jaipur, municipalities of Vatika, Jamwaramgarh, Phagi, Dudu, Kanota, Khejroli, and Kaladera have been established. Four new municipalities each have been constituted in Dausa, Alwar, and Tonk districts; and three each have been formed in Balotra, Barmer, and Ajmer districts.

Manipur CM says drugs sale on credit thrives as trafficking routes changed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

DRUG sales on credit persist in Manipur's Kwakta area, even as cartels have changed trafficking routes in the wake of the 2023 ethnic conflict, Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh said on Friday.

Speaking at an event on the observance of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in Imphal, Singh said many youths started using drugs in the late 1970s, when heroin was expensive, largely affordable only to children from rich families. However, things have changed now.

"In the wake of the 2023 crisis in Manipur, the route for drug trafficking had significantly changed, diverted largely through Mizoram, while smaller quantities continue to be routed from Moreh (on Myanmar border) to Churachandpur via roads constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana," Singh said.

He added that once drugs reached Churachandpur, the nearest distribution point was Kwakta in the Imphal Valley.

He said he had learnt during his interaction with Kwakta-based civil society organisations that nearly 70% of the local youths were using drugs.

"Drug peddlers often allow users to purchase drugs on credit. This practice has made drugs easily accessible to users," the CM said, adding that adjoining areas such as Moirang, Kumbi and Thanga had become vulnerable.

Singh, who was an active sportsperson during the late 1970s, said sports could be a powerful defence against drugs. He believed that youths could stay away from the menace through sports participation.

He further stated that building a drug-free society would require the collective efforts of every individual, along with clubs, women groups and civil society organisations.

Sports against drugs

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26 families return home in Narayanpur, Bastar on edge

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE tense standoff witnessed in Bharanda village of Narayanpur district in Chhattisgarh was finally defused late on Thursday night after a gruelling 12-hour negotiation driven by the district administration and senior police officials.

The conflict erupted into violent scuffles between traditional tribal villagers and members of a specific community who had converted to Christianity. Nearly 26 converted families alleged that traditional tribal villagers physically forced them out of their homes, issuing a diktat to either abandon their new faith or leave the village permanently.

Traditional tribal villagers fiercely countered the claim, accusing the converts of routinely insulting indigenous customs, rituals, and local deities. They demanded that the converted families either conform to tribal traditions or exit the community.

As tensions escalated, a contingent of police forces was deployed to prevent the situation from spiralling into major violence. Recognising the volatility in the sensitive Bastar belt, the additional superintendent of police (ASP), sub-divisional magistrate (SDM), and the local tehsildar rushed to the spot. After holding 14 consecutive rounds of meetings over 12 hours with both factions, the administration successfully brokered a fragile peace, allowing the 26 displaced families to safely return to their homes.

The tribal community has given a strict one-month deadline for the converted individuals to return to their original tribal faith. The converted will no longer be allowed to bury their dead within the geographical boundaries of the village. A strict prohibition has been placed on the entry of any outside individuals associated with the religious community into the village.

While the immediate conflict has been resolved and residents have returned to their homes, the situation remains under close surveillance by the local administration to ensure the terms of the compromise are upheld without further law and order disruptions.

According to officials, tensions in the village have been simmering since December last year and escalated after a clash between the two groups on June 9. "Christian families alleged they were being socially boycotted and targeted because of their faith, while tribal residents claimed religious conversions were affecting traditional customs, social practices and community institutions," said an official who was part of the negotiation.

Locals gather in Bharanda village of Narayanpur district | EXPRESS

Latest flashpoint: Asked to leave by villagers

The latest flashpoint emerged after a meeting in the village, where residents demanded that the Christian families leave, claiming that religious activities and prayer gatherings were being conducted in the village. "Such conflicts in Bastar region have drawn attention to the growing friction over religious conversion," an official said.

Stolen pistol clue: IAF officer nabbed 2 yrs after ₹1.5 cr robbery in Gujarat

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

GUJARAT Police have solved one of the city's most sensational unsolved armed robbery cases nearly two years after a businessman was shot in broad daylight and robbed of ₹1.51 crore in the bustling Ahmedabad City's Manek Chowk area.

The breakthrough came after investigators linked the weapon used in the crime to a stolen pistol recovered during an unrelated theft investigation in Jamnagar, ultimately leading to the arrest of an IAF technical officer. Deepak Booker (31), originally from Haryana and worked with the IAF in Delhi, was arrested by the Ahmedabad city's Zone-3 Local Crime Branch (LCB).

Addressing the media, Zone-3 DCP Rupal Solanki said that on July 16, 2024, a masked man wearing a red cap entered a trader's shop in Patasani Pol in Ahmedabad's Manek Chowk area, fired at the businessman, injuring him in the leg, and escaped with ₹1.51 crore in cash.

The accused, with face covered | EXPRESS

A case was immediately registered at Khadia Police Station, but despite extensive efforts, the investigation failed to identify the culprit for almost two years. The investigation took a decisive turn when Khadia Police Inspector Langaria reopened unresolved cases and closely examined the firearm used in the robbery.

Forensic analysis revealed that the pistol matched a weapon reported stolen from the residence of a retired Air Force officer in Jamnagar in 2024. Police officials said investigators then traced the firearm to Air Force officer Deepak Booker. After coordinating with Air Force authorities in Delhi, police recovered the pistol along with live ammunition.

The recovery significantly strengthened the evidence connecting the accused to the high-profile crime. Investigators discovered that Booker had served at the Air Force station in Jamnagar between 2017 and 2024.

Another conviction

Police also revealed that Booker had previously been involved in a financial dispute with a retired Air Force officer, a case in which he was sentenced to 1 year in prison.

Nikam to lead Maha side in Pune murder case

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA CM Devendra Fadnavis on Friday directed that the Pune murder case be conducted in a fast-track court for speedy justice to Ketan Agarwal, who was allegedly murdered by his fiancee, Siya Goyal, at Lohagad Fort in Lonavala on June 18. He also asked the law and judiciary for the appointment of a senior counsel and BJP Rajya Sabha MP Ujjwal Nikam as a public special prosecutor in the case.

A developer's son, Ketan Agarwal, was killed by Goyal, and her 22-year-old boyfriend, Chetan Chaudhary, by pushing Ketan into a 400 ft deep gorge at the ghost point of Lohagad Fort. Both Siya and Chetan have been arrested for criminal conspiracy and the murder of Ketan and are in police custody for seven days.

The aggrieved Ketan Agarwal's parents met CM Devendra Fadnavis with a request to put their son's case on the fast track and provide speedy justice. Responding to their request, the CM immediately wrote to the Secretary to the Law and the Judiciary of the state government to consider the fast-track trial request.

Ketan Agarwal's father meets CM Devendra Fadnavis on Friday | EXPRESS

Baldness and a wig contributed to murder mindset

Meanwhile, the investigation has taken another dramatic turn with the police claiming that the prime accused, Siya Goyal, has admitted that fear of social stigma and family embarrassment was one of the reasons behind the alleged conspiracy to kill her fiance instead of calling off the wedding. Besides, Goyal also told police that she did not wish to marry Ketan because he was bald and wore a wig.

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Siya's father got a heart attack and was admitted to the hospital. Her mother said that if her daughter Siya is at fault, then the harshest punishment should be meted out to her. Siya's mother said that Siya was not in favour of going to Lohagad fort, but Ketan insisted on going there.

"I witnessed that because I was sitting near Siya when Ketan made the video call to her and asked her to visit Lohagad fort for trekking. I am not saying my daughter has done everything wrong; she cannot be held for all wrongs," Siya's mother said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large are hereby notified that my clients **(1) GUNESH RAM.D** S/o.Amanram and **(2) DURGA RAM** S/o.Amanram, both are R/at No.26, Raiko ka basanda, Via Banad, Asanda Village, Khatiyasani, Jodhpur, Rajasthan-342027, intends to purchase property from Sri. Pavan Kumar.H.C. S/o. Chandrashekar.H.E. Aged about 26 years, residing at No.115, Veerabhadranagar, Near Sahana School, 'D' Group, Viswaneedam, Herohalli, Bengaluru-560091. Further, represents that he has acquired the same by virtue of Registered Sale Deed vide document no.PNY-1-02134-2025-26, Book I, stored in Central Data Repository, dated:03-09-2025 at Sub-Registrar Office, Rajajinagar (Peenya), Bangalore, and ever since the date of acquisition the aforesaid owner is in peaceful possession and paying taxes to the concerned authority regularly, the property which is more fully described in the Schedule hereunder and hereafter referred to as the schedule property. If, any individual, institution or any person have any subsisting claim right or title in respect of the schedule property, such person may contact the undersigned within Fifteen days from the date of publication of this Public Notice with all relevant documents supporting such claim. If no such claims are presented our clients will proceed with the execution and registration of sale deed with aforesaid owner of the schedule property and it shall be deemed that the same is free from all claims and encumbrances.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.140, EPID No.2175111712 formed in Sy.No.30 situated at Lingadheeranahalli Village, Yeshwantapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently comes under BBMP Ward No.40 (Doddabidarakallu), measuring East to West : 22 Feet and North to South : 40 Feet in all 880 Sq.Ft. along with constructed building (G + 2) with RCC Roofed, Granite flooring with all civic amenities and bounded on:

East by :: Site No.127
West by :: Site No.141
North by :: Road
South by :: Public Property

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Repco Home Finance Limited

ELECTRONIC CITY BRANCH: No.2661/1, AECS Layout, G R Plaza, 1st Floor, A-Block, Singasandra, Electronic City, Bangalore-560068

POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being **Authorised Officer of Repco Home Finance Limited** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice dated 27.02.2026** calling upon the **Borrower: Mrs.K.A.Supriya,** W/o.Mr.B.Kiran Kumar, #76, 1st Main 3rd Cross, New KG Layout, Kathriguppe, BSK III rd Stage, Bangalore-560 085. **Also at,** Sri Varalakshimi Electricals & Electronics, No.144, Ground Floor, 50 Feet Road, Next to GK Traders, Hanumanth Nagar, Bangalore-560 019. **Also at,** No.124, Khata No.129/4, 1st Cross, 1st Main, North Facing, Sri Venkatadri Homes, Flat No.102, First Floor, Pushpagirinagar, Hosakerehalli Village, Bangalore-560 085. **Co-Borrower: Mr.B.Kiran Kumar,** S/o.Mr.Basavaiah, #76, 1st Main 3rd Cross, New KG Layout, Kathriguppe, BSK IIIrd Stage, Bangalore-560 085. **Also at,** No.124, Khata No.129/4, 1st Cross, 1st Main, North Facing, Sri Venkatadri Homes, Flat No.102, First Floor, Pushpagirinagar, Hosakerehalli Village, Bangalore-560 085 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice vide **Loan Account No. 2391870000597** being **₹ 34,73,220/-** with further interest from **27.02.2026** onwards and other costs thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower & Co-Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-borrower, guarantor and the public in general that **the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below** in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this the **24th day of June 2026.**

The Borrower, Co-Borrower and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Repco Home Finance Limited, Electronic City Branch** vide **Loan Account No. 2391870000597** for an amount of **₹ 35,56,360/-** with further interest from **08.06.2026** onwards and other costs thereon.

We draw your attentions to Sec 13 (8) of the Securitisation Act as per which, no further steps shall be taken for transfer or sale of the secured asset, if the dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by secured creditor are tendered by you at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured asset

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

Schedule "A" Property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Site No.124,** V.P.Khatha No.129/4, House List No.124, Present BBMP Khatha No.987/129/4/124, situated at **Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore,** presently comes with the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Rajarajeshwarinagar Ward No.160, of Hosakerehalli Bangalore, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet, **Totally measuring 2400 Square feet,** and bounded on land: East by: Road, West by: Site No.119, North by: Site No.123, South by: Site No.125.

Schedule "B" Property: 215 Square feet of undivided share of land right, title and interest in the schedule "A" Property.

Schedule "C" Property: All that piece and parcel of **Residential Apartment** bearing **Flat No.102 (2BHK), in First Floor,** North Facing measuring **1050 Sq.feet** of Super Built Area put up area in property forming part of apartment building known as **"SRI.VENKATADRI HOMES"** together with **215 Sq.feet of undivided share,** right, title , interest and ownership and sital area comprising of the flat and one car parking marked as at the stilt/Basement Floor in Schedule "A" property and bounded on Flat; East by: Flat No.101, West by: Site No.119, North by: Site No.123, South by: Site No.125

Date: 24.06.2026 **Authorized Officer**
Repco Home Finance Ltd

E-Tender Notice

Sl No.	Item	Tender ID	Last date of submitting bid	Bid opening date
1	Renovation of Managing Director room and construction of Conference hall at Head Office	**2026_RPL_856504_1**	10.07.2026, 5pm	14.07.2026 11am

For more details visit : www.etenders.kerala.gov.in/www.rplkerala.gov.in

Sd/-, MANAGING DIRECTOR
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NIB Code :- PWD2627A1198
UBN No :- 1. PWD2627WSOB05123 2. PWD2627WSOB05124

Notice Inviting Bid No 02/2026-27

2 Bids for Road works are invited from interested bidder up to 06:00 PM on Tuesday 07 July 2026. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the State.
The approximate value of the procurement is **Rs. 364.81 Lacs.**

Superintending Engineer
PWD Circle, Didwana
DIPR/C/11045/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our clients **Mrs. N.D. Leelavathi, W/o Late D.A. Gowda, Mr. A.D. Anjan Kumar, S/o Late D.A. Gowda, Mr. A.D. Pawan Kumar, S/o Late D.A. Gowda and Ms. A.D. Megha Shree, D/o Late D.A. Gowda,** all residing at H. No. 373, 16th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Agrahara Layout, Yelahanka, Bengaluru – 560064, are desirous of selling and transferring the below-mentioned Development Rights Certificates (DRCs), more fully described in the Schedule hereunder ("Schedule TDR/DRCs").

The Clients have represented that they are the absolute and lawful holders of **Transferable Development Rights (TDR)** granted by way of **Development Rights Certificate (DRC) No. 005** measuring **219.48 Square Meters,** and **Development Rights Certificate (DRC) No. 006** measuring **334.70 Square Meters** issued by the Chief Commissioner GBA pursuant to the relinquishment of the lands more fully described hereunder.

The aforesaid TDR has accrued pursuant to the relinquishment of the following properties in favour of the Competent Authority for public purpose in accordance with the applicable provisions of law and the orders of the Competent Authority:

1. Property No. 1: Land bearing **Khata Sl. No. 50/45, EPID No. 3577345679,** situated at **Gramatana Agrahara Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District, measuring 109.74 Square Meters,** in respect of which **Development Rights Certificate (DRC) No. 005** has been issued on **19/5/2026 for 219.48 Square Meters of TDR.**

2. Property No. 2: Land bearing **Khata Sl. No. 45/40, EPID No. 3577340253,** situated at **Gramatana Agrahara Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District, measuring 154.08 Square Meters together with 13.27 Square Meters, aggregating to a total extent of 167.35 Square Meters,** in respect of which **Development Rights Certificate (DRC) No. 006** has been issued on **08/6/2026 for 334.70 Square Meters of TDR.**

It is further notified that **M/s. MYTHRI HOUSING PVT. LTD., being the GPA Holder of M/s. GURU RAJ ENTERPRISES PVT. LTD.,** has agreed to purchase the aforesaid TDR measuring an aggregate extent of **554.18 Square Meters** for the purpose of loading and utilization in accordance with law, subject to completion of statutory formalities and registration.

The Clients further state that **Mrs. Shashikala V. Kavali** has acted as the Aggregator and has undertaken the necessary coordination, liaison, follow-up and related activities in connection with the relinquishment process and obtaining the aforesaid Development Rights Certificates (DRCs). The Clients have no objection whatsoever to her role as Aggregator or to the sale, transfer and utilization of the said TDR/DRCs through **M/s. MYTHRI HOUSING PVT. LTD., GPA Holder of M/s. GURU RAJ ENTERPRISES PVT. LTD.**

Any person(s) or entities having any right, title, interest, claim, lien, charge, mortgage, encumbrance, dispute or objection of any kind whatsoever over the Schedule TDR/DRCs, whether by way of sale, transfer, assignment, exchange, inheritance, lease, tenancy, sub-tenancy, licence, gift, possession, easement, trust, maintenance, development rights or otherwise, must notify the undersigned in writing along with documentary proof thereof within **Seven (7) days** from the date of publication of this notice.

In case no such claims are received within the stipulated period, it shall be presumed that the title of the Clients over the Schedule TDR/DRCs is clear, marketable and free from encumbrances and thereafter the Clients shall proceed with the sale/transfer without further reference. Any claim received thereafter shall be deemed to have been waived and shall not bind the Clients or the prospective purchaser.

SCHEDULE

Description of Development Rights Certificates

1. Development Rights Certificate (DRC) No. 005

Development Rights Certificate (DRC) **No. 005** issued by the Competent Planning Authority for **Transferable Development Rights measuring 219.48 Square Meters,** accrued on land bearing **Khata Sl. No. 50/45, EPID No. 3577345679,** situated at **Gramatana Agrahara Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District,** pursuant to the relinquishment of the said land in favour of the Competent Authority for public purpose.

2. Development Rights Certificate (DRC) No. 006

Development Rights Certificate (DRC) **No. 006** issued by the Competent Planning Authority for **Transferable Development Rights measuring 334.70 Square Meters,** accrued on land bearing **Khata Sl. No. 45/40, EPID No. 3577340253,** situated at **Gramatana Agrahara Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District,** pursuant to the relinquishment of the said land in favour of the Competent Authority for public purpose.

The above TDR/DRCs are proposed to be sold to **M/s. MYTHRI HOUSING PVT. LTD., GPA Holder of M/s. GURU RAJ ENTERPRISES PVT. LTD.,** for utilization in accordance with law.

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E-Auction Sale Proclamation Notice under SARFAESI ACT 2002

Sale of immovable asset under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the Act).

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s in particular that the under mentioned property is mortgaged / charged to the secured creditor, being **IndusInd Bank Limited**, the possession of under mentioned property had been taken by the Authorised Officer of the **IndusInd Bank Limited** under S. 13(4) of the Act will be sold by E-Auction as mentioned below for recovery of under mentioned dues and applicable interest, charges and costs etc. as detailed below.

The property described below is being sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"**, and **"Whatever there is"** under the rule No.8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules (hereinafter referred to as the rules) for the recovery of the dues detailed as under:

Names of Borrower: 1) M/s. SRG Marketing (Borrower cum Guarantor), 2) Mr. K.S. Mallesh Kumar (Borrower cum Guarantor).

Co-Borrowers/Guarantors: 1) M/s. SRG Marketing (Borrower cum guarantor), 2) Mr. K.S. Mallesh Kumar (Borrower cum guarantor), 3) Mrs. Geetha (Guarantor)

Total Amount Due as on 31-05-2026: Rs.7,49,59,206.69 (Rupees Seven Crore Forty Nine Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Six and Paisa Sixty Nine Only)

Nature of Possession: Possession

Date and time of E-Auction: 14-07-2026, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Reserve Price: For Flat No. 403: Rs.32,50,000/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only).

EMD: For Flat No. 403: Rs.3,25,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Only). RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to the credit of **"IndusInd Bank Ltd", Account No. 00083564604005**

Bid Increment: Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only)

Mode of Auction: E-AUCTON

Description of secured asset: Residential Apartment Bearing No.403, in the 4th floor, block B, in wing C, in the multi-storeyed Residential Apartment Building Known as " SRI KRISHNA EXCEL STONE" constructed over Sy No. 73/5 and Sy.No.73/6, 1157 sq ft, Belagere Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk.

Date of Inspection: 10/07/2026 between 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM. Please contact Mr. Vishal Rajvansh 7903439576, vishal.rajvansh@indusind.com

Last Date of Submission of bids (E-auction): 13/07/2026 up to 04:00 PM

This publication is also a Fifteen Days (15) notice to the aforementioned borrower/ guarantors under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditors Website i.e, **https://www.indusindbank.com,** regarding E-Auction/ sale of respective property and other details before submitting their bids for taking part in the E-Auction. Bidders may also visit the website **https://www.bankeauctions.com.**

Date: 26-06-2026, Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer, IndusInd Bank Ltd.

KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

#49, "Parisara Bhavan", 1st to 5th Floor, Church Street, Bengaluru-560001, Karnataka,
Phone: 25581383, 25589112, 25586520, Fax: 080-25586321
E-mail: ho@kspcb.gov.in, Website: https://kspcb.karnataka.gov.in

NO.PCB/337/SEO/MINES/EPH/2026-27/1154 DATE: 24/06/2026

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

Sri Ramagouda Iragouda Patil, Proprietor of M/s. P. V. G. Stone Crusher has proposed to under take Quarrying of Building Stone of production capacity 50,000 Tonnes per Annum in a total land Area of 3.0 Acres (1.214 Hectares) (Patta Land) at **Sy. No. 94/1A/2, Nej Village, Chikkodi Taluk, Belagavi District.** This project proposal falls under Category B1, Activity 1(a) – 'Mining of Minerals" as per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 and its amendments.

As per the Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated: 14.09.2006 and its Amendment dated: 01.12.2009, the project proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority and is required to go through the process of Environmental Public Hearing. As per the Terms of Reference (ToR) letter No.SEIAA 354 MIN 2025 dated: 22.12.2025 issued by the SEIAA, Karnataka and request letter of the project proponent dated:16.03.2026 and the Environmental Officer, Regional Office, Chikkodi letter dated:11.06.2026 intimating the date, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the KSPCB.

The details of the project are as follows:

1. Name & Address of the Project Proponent : Sri. Ramagouda Iragouda Patil Flat No. SF2, Simply Om Apartment, 2nd Main, 6th Cross, Sadashiv Nagar, Belagavi – 590 001.

2. Location of the proposed Quarry Project : Sy. No. 94/1A/2, Nej Village, Chikkodi Taluk, Belagavi District.

3. Details of proposed Project : Proposed to undertake Quarrying of Building Stone of production capacity 50,000 Tonnes per Annum in a total land Area of 3.0 Acres (1.214 Hectares).

4. Date, time and venue of Environmental Public Hearing : Date : 29.07.2026(Wednesday) Time: 11:00 AM Place:M/s. P. V. G. Stone Crusher, Sy. No. 94/1A/2, Nej Village, Chikkodi Taluk, Belagavi District

5. Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are: (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi District, Belagavi. **(b)** Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Belagavi District, Belagavi. **(c)** District Industries Centre, Belagavi District, Belagavi. **(d)** Tahasildar Office, ChikkodiTaluk, Belagavi District. **(e)** Department of Mines & Geology, Belagavi **(f)** Town Municipal Council, Chikkodi **(g)** Gram Panchayat Office, Nej, Chikkodi Taluk. **(h)** Office of the Zonal Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board,Belagavi. **(I)** Office of the Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Belagavi-2 (Chikkodi) **(j)** SEIAA Karnataka (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 709, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru – 560 001 **(k)** HELP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No. 49, ParisaraBhavana, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification to make oral/written/ E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/ Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi District,Belagavi). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our Website: **https://kspcb.karnataka.gov.in/.**

Sd/-
Member Secretary

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APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to rule 8(6) and 9(1)]
Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties through E- Auction

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, **Mr. R. Prakash,** S/o. Mr. Ramanna, **Proprietor, M/s. S.R.S. Pumps and Motors,** No. 1050, Ragavendra Complex, Next to Jayaprakash Nursing Complex, B H Road, Nelamangala, Bangalore Rural District and the **Guarantor : Mrs. R. Kalavathi** W/o. Mr. R. Prakash, D. No. 50/60, T B Stop, 4th Cross, Dwarakanath Layout, Subash Nagar, Nelamangala, Bangalore Rural District-562123 that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd., Nelamangala Branch,** will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on **03.08.2026** for recovery of **Rs. 58,29,731.30** (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty One and Paise Thirty only) as on 31.05.2026 due to **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited, Nelamangala Branch** with subsequent interest and expenses.

The Reserve Price will be Rs. 5,86,13,000/- and the **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will be Rs. 58,61,300/-**

E – Auction Website	https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net
Upset Price	**Rs. 5,86,13,000/-** (Rupees Five Crore Eighty Six Lakh Thirteen Thousand only)
Date and Time of E-Auction Sale	**03.08.2026, between 11.00 A.M and 12.00 P.M with auto time extension of 5 minutes each, till sale is concluded.**
Earnest Money Deposit	**Rs. 58,61,300/-** (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakh Sixty One Thousand Three Hundred only)
Last date for submission of Bid Form with EMD	**Bid Form along with Demand Draft** in favour of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd, should be submitted / remitted on or before **02.08.2026** within 6.00 P.M.
Place of submission of Bid Form and EMD	**Authorized Officer, Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd. Nelamangala Branch,** Weavers Colony Bus Stop, B.H.Road, Nelamangala-562123.
Bid Multiplier	**Rs. 10,000/-** (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Land to the extent of 7401.25 sqft (as per title deed) 6238.00 sq.ft as per measurement and residential building constructed thereat to the total extent of 26875 sq.ft (Stilt Floor - 5183 sq.ft, Ground Floor- 5183 sq.ft , First Floor - 5183 sq.ft, Second Floor - 5183 sq.ft , Third Floor - 5183 sq.ft , and Terrace Floor-960 sq.ft) (plan approval is for Stilt, Ground and First floor with 2579.80 sq.ft each) bearing Khaneshmuri No. 1333, Municipal Assesment No. 1996/1927, PID No. 25-27-1B, Ward No.13, B.H Road, Opp. Indira Canteen, IDBI bank backside, M.G. Road, Subhash Nagara, Nelamangala Town & Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. including all amenities **standing in the name of Mr. R. Prakash. Boundaries : North :** Entaganahalli Ganga hanumaiah & Virupakshaiah's Property, **South :** Padmanabhaiah's Land, **East :** Property of Padmanabaiah and Road, **West :** Property of Basheer Sab and Vacant Site.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditors website **(www.tmb.bank.in)**.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 25.06.2026
Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd.
Bengaluru Region (For Nelamangala Branch)

Continuation of Partial Cancellation of some Mail/Express Trains between Andal & Durgapur Stations

The locomotive reversal of the following Mail/Express trains at Andal station instead of Durgapur station will be continued for a period of 3 months i.e. from **01.07.2026 to 30.09.2026.** Hence, these trains will be diverted via Asansol-Andal-Sainthia instead of their existing route Asansol-Andal-Durgapur-Andal-Saintha and will remain partially cancelled between Andal & Durgapur stations.

● **12551 SMVT Bengaluru-Kamakhya AC Superfast Express** [JCO 04/07, 11/07, 18/07, 25/07, 01/08, 08/08, 15/08, 22/08, 29/08, 05/09, 12/09, 19/09 & 26/09/26 (Saturday)]. **Stoppage Time at Andal :** Arr. 20.00 hrs., Dep. 20.01 hrs. ● **12552 Kamakhya-SMVT Bengaluru AC Superfast Express** [JCO 01/07, 08/07, 15/07, 22/07, 29/07, 05/08, 12/08, 19/08, 26/08, 02/09, 09/09, 16/09, 23/09 & 30/09/26 (Wednesday)]. **Stoppage Time at Andal :** Arr. 06.45 hrs., Dep. 06.47 hrs. ● **13417 Digha-Malda Town Express** [JCO 02/07, 09/07, 16/07, 23/07, 30/07, 06/08, 13/08, 20/08, 27/08, 03/09, 10/09, 17/09 & 24/09/26 (Thursday)]. **Stoppage Time at Andal :** Arr. 08.10 hrs., Dep. 08.11 hrs. ● **13418 Malda Town-Digha Express** [JCO 02/07, 09/07, 16/07, 23/07, 30/07, 06/08, 13/08, 20/08, 27/08, 03/09, 10/09, 17/09 & 24/09/26 (Thursday)]. **Stoppage Time at Andal:** Arr. 12.43 hrs., Dep. 12.45 hrs. ● **13425 Malda Town-Surat Express** [JCO 04/07, 11/07, 18/07, 25/07, 01/08, 08/08, 15/08, 22/08, 29/08, 05/09, 12/09, 19/09 & 26/09/26 (Saturday)]. **Stoppage Time at Andal :** Arr. 16.41 hrs., Dep. 16.43 hrs. ● **13426 Surat-Malda Town Express** [JCO 06/07, 13/07, 20/07, 27/07, 03/08, 10/08, 17/08, 24/08, 31/08, 07/09, 14/09, 21/09 & 28/09/26 (Monday)]. **Stoppage Time at Andal :** Arr. 00.02 hrs., Dep. 00.04 hrs. ● **15629 Tambaram-Silghat Town Nagaon Express** [JCO 06/07, 13/07, 20/07, 27/07, 03/08, 10/08, 17/08, 24/08, 31/08, 07/09, 14/09, 21/09 & 28/09/26 (Monday)]. **Stoppage Time at Andal :** Arr. 03.41 hrs., Dep. 03.42 hrs. ● **15630 Silghat Town-Tambaram Nagaon Express** [JCO 03/07, 10/07, 17/07, 24/07, 31/07, 07/08, 14/08, 21/08, 28/08, 04/09, 11/09, 18/09 & 25/09/26 (Friday)]. **Stoppage Time at Andal :** Arr. 08.10 hrs., Dep. 08.11 hrs. ● **15640 Kamakhya-Puri Express** [JCO 05/07, 12/07, 19/07, 26/07, 02/08, 09/08, 16/08, 23/08, 30/08, 06/09, 13/09, 20/09 & 27/09/26 (Sunday)]. **Stoppage Time at Andal :** Arr. 12.20 hrs., Dep. 12.22 hrs. ● **15661 Ranchi-Kamakhya Express** [JCO 01/07, 08/07, 15/07, 22/07, 29/07, 05/08, 12/08, 19/08, 26/08, 02/09, 09/09, 16/09, 23/09 & 30/09/26 (Wednesday)]. **Stoppage Time at Andal :** Arr. 02.21 hrs., Dep. 02.23 hrs. ● **15662 Kamakhya-Ranchi Express** [JCO 07/07, 14/07, 21/07, 28/07, 04/08, 11/08, 18/08, 25/08, 01/09, 08/09, 15/09, 22/09 & 29/09/26 (Tuesday)]. **Stoppage Time at Andal:** Arr. 06.45 hrs., Dep. 06.47 hrs. ● **15929 Tambaram-New Tinsukia Express** [JCO 02/07, 09/07, 16/07, 23/07, 30/07, 06/08, 13/08, 20/08, 27/08, 03/09, 10/09, 17/09 & 24/09/26 (Thursday)]. **Stoppage Time at Andal :** Arr. 03.41 hrs., Dep. 03.42 hrs. ● **15930 New Tinsukia-Tambaram Express** [JCO 06/07, 13/07, 20/07, 27/07, 03/08, 10/08, 17/08, 24/08, 31/08, 07/09, 14/09, 21/09 & 28/09/26 (Monday)]. **Stoppage Time at Andal :** Arr. 08.10 hrs., Dep. 08.11 hrs. ● **22611 MGR Chennai Central-New Jalpaiguri Superfast Express** [JCO 01/07, 08/07, 15/07, 22/07, 29/07, 05/08, 12/08, 19/08, 26/08, 02/09, 09/09, 16/09, 23/09 & 30/09/26 (Wednesday)]. **Stoppage Time at Andal :** Arr. 16.55 hrs., Dep. 16.57 hrs. ● **22612 New Jalpaiguri-MGR Chennai Central Superfast Express** [JCO 03/07, 10/07, 17/07, 24/07, 31/07, 07/08, 14/08, 21/08, 28/08, 04/09, 11/09, 18/09 & 25/09/26 (Friday)]. **Stoppage Time at Andal :** Arr. 06.45 hrs., Dep. 06.47 hrs.

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No: GTDC/PC/EE-(E)/2026-27/e-32 **Dated: 23/06/2026**

Brief Tender Notice
(E-Tendering Mode Only)

The Executive Engineer, GTDC, Panaji on behalf of the Managing Director, GTDC invites item rate tenders on e-tendering mode only, from the eligible contractors. For more details refer Detailed Tender notices.

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For Detailed Tender Notice and for participation in e-tender please visit our e-tender websiteFor Detailed Tender Notice and for participation in e-tender please visit our e-tender website https://eprocure.goa.gov.in. Tender notice is also available on www.goa-tourism.com for reference.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer- (Elect)
PC, SPV, G.T.D.C.

Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited (Encore ARC)

acting in its capacity as the Trustee of EARC -EOT - 001 -Trust
Encore ARC Corporate Office Address: 5th Floor, Plot No. 137, Sector 44, Gurugram 122002, Haryana

Public Notice for e-Auction

e-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ('SARFAESI Act") read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & proviso to Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules").

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to IDFC First Bank Ltd. to secure dues in the loan account since assigned to Encore ARC (Secured Creditor) acting in its capacity as the Trustee of EARC-EOT-001-TRUST, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of IDFC First Bank Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 15.07.2026 at 11:00 a.m., for recovery of outstanding dues of **Rs.1,31,45,062.51/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty One Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Sixty Two and Fifty One Paise Only) as on 26.06.2026 together with further interest from 27.06.2026 at contractual rate till recovery of outstanding amount and other costs, charges etc. due to the Encore ARC (Secured creditor), from Borrowers viz. Mr. Rajasekhar Singamsetty & Mrs. Suma S R.**

The description of the mortgaged immovable property, the details of Reserve Price for the Secured Assets, the Earnest Money Deposit & Minimum Increment Amount in Bidding Process are as under:

Item Sr No.	Name of Account	Description of Property	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs.)	Minimum Increment Amount in Bidding Process (In Rs.)
1.	Mr. Rajasekhar Singamsetty & Mrs. Suma S R.	All that piece and Parcel of the Residential Flat No. 206, (3BHK) in 2nd Floor, in the residential apartment Building Known as "Roshan Platinum Apartment", Having (1440. Sq.ft carpet area), Super built up area of 2279 Sq.f, property Constructed on land bearing Sy. No. 83/1, Measuring 1 Acre 06 Guntas and Sy No. 83/2, Measuring 1 Acre 18 Guntas, totally measuring 2 Acres 24 Guntas, (Converted vide office memorandum dated 01.10.2010, bearing No. ALN (SB) SR: 68/2010-11, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner), Bangalore, Now said property comes under the limits of BBMP, Ward No. 193, Arekee Sub Division, present Municipal No. 1337, BBMP Katha No. 1337/83/1/83/2, Situated at Arekare Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on the: East : Sy. No. 82, West : Sy No. 85, North : Sy No. 84, South : Road	1,73,20,000.00 (Rupees One Crore Seventy Three Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only)	17,32,000.00 (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Only)	1,00,000.00 (Rupees One Lakhs Only)

Date of Inspection of Secured Assets	06/07/2026 between 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Last Date of Submission of online Bid	Before 3.00 PM on 14/07/2026
Date & Time of e-Auction	15/07/2026 at 11.00 AM to 1:00 PM with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each as per Terms & Conditions mentioned below.
Auction Website:	https://bankeauctions.com

In case the e-Auction date is declared public holiday then the date will be automatically extended to the very next working day.

Since Encore ARC is acting in its capacity as Trustee of EARC-EOT – 001 -Trust only, any reference of its name in this Public Notice should be construed accordingly.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Encore ARC's website i.e. **https://www.encorearc.com and https://bankeauctions.com**

Interested bidders may contact Authorised officer of Encore ARC Mr. K.Nagendran Mobile No. 91762 91717, and Mr B.M. Nagaraju, on mobile no. 83840 74164for any further information / query.

Date: 27.06.2026
Place: Chennai
K.Nagendran
Authorised Officer
Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited

SUNDARAM HOME — Sundaram Finance Group —

Regd Office: No. 21, Pattulos Road, Chennai - 600 002.
Corporate Office: Sundaram Towers, No. 46, Whites Road, Chennai-600014. Ph: 044-2851 5267
Branch: No. 1608, B Block, 1st Floor, Sahakar Nagar, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru - 560 092.

SALE NOTICE

Whereas the Authorized Officer of **Sundaram Home Finance Limited,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Section 13(2), issued a demand notice dated **21.04.2025** calling upon the Borrower and Co-Borrorwers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower and Co-Borrowers having failed to repay the amount within the statutory period, the Authorised Officer in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act in accordance with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, had taken the possession of the property described herein below.

Public are hereby informed that the property more fully described in the table hereunder will be sold under Rule 8 & 9 of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" CONDITION,** without any recourse basis by inviting sealed Bids from the public up to 16:30 hrs on **10/08/2026**. Interested parties may send their Auction Bids addressed to the Authorized Officer **Sundaram Home Finance Limited,** office at No.23, 2nd Floor, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600 034 by way of Speed Post for purchasing the said Auctioned property in a Sealed Cover/Or delivery in person/through authorized person in Sealed Cover or by hand on time and date as prescribed herein by superscribed as **"Offer for Sale of Assets A/c. Mr. Chakrapani Upputuri "** along with a Demand Draft payable at Chennai or by way of wire transfer of RTGS method with details of UTR payable in the name of **Sundaram Home Finance Limited** to the Bank Name : HDFC Bank Ltd, ITC Centre – Anna Salai, Chennai – 600002, Current Bank Account No. 00040350000905, IFSC Code - HDFC0000004 with remarks as **"EMD for Auction Sale of Property – Mr. Chakrapani Upputuri, Loan Account Number – YLK20170084"** of 25% of the Bidding amount at their individual capacity being the EMD (Earnest Money Deposit) and send the KYC Documents (Self Attested Photo Copy of Aadhar Card & PAN Card) along with the details of mobile phone number & e-mail address for further communication. The Bidders who tend to participate in auction and make the payment of EMD amount through wire transfer method (RTGS) then they shall after making the payment they should send the details of the EMD amount paid along with their self-attested KYC in a sealed cover sent to addressing the Authorized Officer on time and date prescribed herein. Further the EMD amount which are sent through DD/Wire Transfer is refundable to the other Auction Bidders whose bid amount was not successful in their favour. The Bid Offer along with the EMD amount or details of UTR Payment and KYC Documents should reach the Authorized Officer at the latest by **10/08/2026** by/before 16:30 Hours of IST at the above-mentioned address.

Name and Address of the Borrower & Co-Borrower	Secured Debt (Rs.)	Reserve Price fixed for the Property	Place for Title Verification
Mr. Chakrapani Upputuri (Borrower), Flat No 110, Satwi Clarinet Apts, Behind Shashank Complex, Opp Sun Shine School, Horamavu, Bangalore - 560043. **Mr. Chakrapani Upputuri (Employer),** Shashank Complex, Ground Floor, Opp Sunshine School, Kankeri Bangalore-560043. **Mr. Chakrapani Upputuri (Property - 1),** 308, Satwis Clarinet Site No 80/1, Khata No 8, Horamavu 80 Ft Road, Kalakere Road, KR Puram, Hobli, Horamavu, Bangalore - 560043. **Mrs. Sireesha K (Co-Borrower),** Flat No 110, Satwi Clarinet Apts, Behind Shashank Complex, Opp Sun Shine School, Horamavu, Bangalore - 560043. **Mrs. Sireesha K (Employer),** Motorola Mobility India Pvt. Ltd ., Bagmani Park, Bangalore-560043	**Rs. 86,89,640/-** (Rupees Eighty Six Lakhs Eighty nine Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Only) as on 27.06.2026 along future interest and other charges etc., if any till actual date of payment.	**Rs. 65,10,000 /-** (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Ten Thousand Only)	**Sundaram Home Finance Limited** No. 1608, B Block, 1st Floor, Sahakar Nagar, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru - 560 092.
		Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Place for Opening of Bid**
		25% of the Bid Amount	**M/s. Sundaram Home Finance Limited,** 23, Cathedral Garden Road, 2nd Floor, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600034.
			Date of opening the Auction Bid
			10/08/2026 @ 16:00 Hrs

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the immovable schedule property being converted Survey No.80/1, vide Conversion Order Number ALN(EAST)SR/(KH)163/10-11 Dated 11-03-2011, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore situated at Horamavu Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk (Formerly Bangalore South Taluk) measuring 0-32 Guntas and **bounded on:** East by: Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Road, South by: Private Property. **SCHEDULE B PROPERTY (PROPERTY CONVEYED)** The 498 Square Feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule A Property of land together with all their tights, privileges attached thereto. **SCHEDULE C PROPERTY** Three Bed Room Flat bearing No.308, on the Second Floor, constructed on SATWI s CLARINET residential complex having super built up area of 1425 Square Feet collectively along with 498 Square Feet of proportionate undivided share, rights, interest in Schedule A Property along with one covered car parking, RCC roofed flat with vitrified flooring and teak wood doors and windows, along with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, basement, terrace, RCC roofed building constructed on the Schedule A Property.

Note: The intending purchasers are requested to verify the documents, inspect the property and participate in the auction after satisfying about the title, nature and condition to property. In case if there arises any dispute regarding the title or nature of the property refund will not be given after sale confirmation. Further, the highest bidder after getting the confirmation letter he/she should get the sale certificate registered in their name before the jurisdictional SRO at their own cost including the E-Khatha/Khatha.

For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale of Property of Mr. CHAKRAPANI UPPUTURI Loan Account No. YLK20170084, please refer to www.sundaramhome.in/uploads/YLK20170084 / sale. Notice/.pdf

Contact Person: Mr. S M Kuttappa – 97415 50450

Date: 27-06-2026
for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD., AUTHORISED OFFICER

36.9°C
The UK broke the record for its highest ever June temperature

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	34	23	SNY	Los Angeles	27	18	SNY
Colombo	31	27	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	32	28	SNY	Moscow	28	16	SNY
Dubai	34	32	SNY	New York	24	22	SNY
Houston	33	27	TDS	Singapore	31	29	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	23	17	SNY
London	29	19	SNY	Washington	26	22	SNY

V'zuela quake toll crosses 900, 50K missing

UN aid chief warns toll likely to 'rise significantly' as rescue works make slow progress

LA GUAIRA

THE death toll from twin earthquakes in Venezuela soared to 920 on Friday, with thousands more unaccounted for as international rescue teams and sniffer dogs arrived to help find survivors.

The South American country is reeling from the magnitude 7.2 and 7.5 quakes that hit the country's north within less than a minute of each other on Wednesday.

More than 50,000 people are missing, the United Nations' aid chief told AFP, warning that the death toll was likely to "rise significantly".

"It's a very, very complex emergency response," said UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Tom Fletcher, adding: "We've got 50,000 people missing, over 500 people dead, so a massive job to go through the rubble".

Rescuers used heavy machinery, but also their bare hands, in a race to claw out people caught under rubble in the worst-hit earthquake zone, north of the capital Caracas.

At one of the flattened buildings, AFP saw workers using sledgehammers to break the debris and calling for "absolute silence" to detect cries from survivors. Rescue efforts have been slow with desperate calls for more heavy machinery as families stand by helpless to pull out loved ones they could hear alive in the rubble.

Two earthquakes, measured at magnitudes 7.2 and 7.5, hit northern Venezuela within less than a minute of each other on Wednesday night, sending hundreds of buildings tumbling.

Rubble of collapsed buildings seen on Friday after an earthquake struck La Guaira, Venezuela on Wednesday | AFP

Smartphones alerted many users about quake

Many social media users in Venezuela have reported receiving alerts on Android smartphones moments before Wednesday's quake with almost 600 confirmed dead. Almost all smartphones contain an accelerometer, a movement sensor used for tasks like flipping the screen when users turn it sideways. That same sensor "can also detect the ground shaking from an earthquake," Google wrote in a July 2025 blog post. Accelerometers can spot potential earthquakes' fast-moving initial "P" wave, sending information to a Google server. By rapidly cross-referencing many reports, the system can "confirm an earthquake is happening".

Social media was flooded with requests for information on the missing, with an online portal listing almost 50,000 people that loved ones were trying to locate.

National Assembly President Jorge Rodriguez said Thursday that more than 200 people were confirmed trapped live.

Help began to arrive, with Spanish, Salvadoran, Swiss, Colombian, and Mexican rescue teams already on the ground.

A senior US military official also landed in Caracas to oversee Washington's relief efforts. Nations around the world have pledged to send rescuers, money and aid, with the United States saying it was deploying two warships, transport planes and helicopters and mobilising $150 million in aid.

International search and rescue teams from at least 17 countries are being scrambled to Venezuela, officials said.

"Earthquakes are one of the most devastating things that can happen to any country," spokesman Jens Laerke told reporters in Geneva. "The entire humanitarian system is moving very fast, and at scale," Laerke said. *AFP*

Families dig through rubble with bare hands

LA GUAIRA

IN cities across northern Venezuela, neighbours helped each other dig through rubble to search for loved ones, after back-to-back earthquakes killed at least 589 people and left thousands injured.

Amparo del Giudice dug with her bare hands at a huge mound of concrete in search of her son.

Hers was one of many individual tragedies unfolding after quakes of magnitude 7.2 and 7.5 hit in quick succession in northern Venezuela on Wednesday evening, with La Guaira among the worst-affected regions.

As time passed and no government help appeared, del Giudice became exasperated and flailed at the rubble.

"It is a lot of rock, and with bare hands it is impossible," she said, sitting not far from where she thought her son was trapped.

Her grandson Alessandro, 23, donned a volunteer firefighter's helmet and joined in the search for his missing father. "He is in there," he told AFP, sobbing as he looked at the remains of what was once a building.

In happier times, La Guaira, a town of around 25,000, was where people from the capital Caracas would visit to enjoy the Caribbean.

Its many tall buildings with swimming pools have been severely damaged by the tremors. *AFP*

Trump slams Iran drone attack as ceasefire violation

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump on Friday slammed Iran for carrying out a drone attack in the Strait of Hormuz, calling it a "foolish" violation of the ceasefire in the West Asian war.

"One of the Drones solidly hit the upper deck of a large and very expensive Cargo Carrying Ship" while three others were shot down, Trump posted on his Truth Social platform, in an apparent reference to an attack on a vessel the day before.

"Obviously, this is a foolish violation of our Ceasefire Agreement," Trump added.

The British maritime security agency UKMTO announced on Thursday that a cargo ship in the strait was "hit on the starboard side by an unknown projectile, causing damage to the bridge," but reported no casualties. It said the incident occurred just 14 kilometers off Oman's coast. The secretary general of the UN's International Maritime Organization, Arsenio Dominguez, then announced the suspension of efforts to evacuate some 600 ships and 11,000 sailors trapped in the Gulf by the war, which was launched by the US and Israel on February 28.

WAR WATCH

Hezbollah fighters killed in Lebanon

The Israeli military said it killed seven Hezbollah militants who had operated near its so-called "security zone" in southern Lebanon on Friday. The military said in a statement it had "struck and eliminated seven Hezbollah terrorists who transferred weapons near the Security Zone in southern Lebanon," adding that it would "continue to operate to remove threats." *AFP*

An aerial view of the destruction in Nabatiyeh, southern Lebanon, as on Friday | AP

Xi backs Bangladesh in 'upholding sovereignty'

BEIJING

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Friday expressed Beijing's backing for Bangladesh in upholding its sovereignty and "rejecting foreign interference", as he met visiting Prime Minister Tarique Rahman here.

Xi also voiced Beijing's backing for Rahman's government, which took charge in February, and that it stands ready to work with Bangladesh to carry out high-quality Belt and Road cooperation and further align development strategies, a press release by the Chinese Foreign Ministry said.

China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative aims to connect Asia, Africa and Europe through a vast network of railways, ports, highways and energy pipelines, essentially reviving an ancient trade route.

King Charles III becomes first UK monarch to disclose tax bill

King Charles III became the first UK monarch in history to reveal how much he has paid in taxes since acceding to the throne in 2022—some £30 million ($39.6 million)

UK monarchs are legally exempt from paying certain taxes and have no obligation to disclose their private tax bills | AFP

SOVEREIGN GRANT

The Sovereign Grant is the annual payment allocated by the UK Treasury to cover the monarch's official duties. It is also for the running and upkeep of official royal residences, staff support, official travel and hosting official events such as annual garden parties and investitures. The grant does not cover all royal expenses. Security costs, for example, are funded separately

In 2025-2026 the **Sovereign Grant rose to £132.1 million**, up from £86.3 million in the four previous tax years

PRIVATE INCOME

The king received in 2025-2026 some **£25.2 million in private income from the Duchy of Lancaster**, while the Prince of Wales received £21.6 million from the Duchy of Cornwall

These two historic estates are the main sources of private income for the monarch and the heir

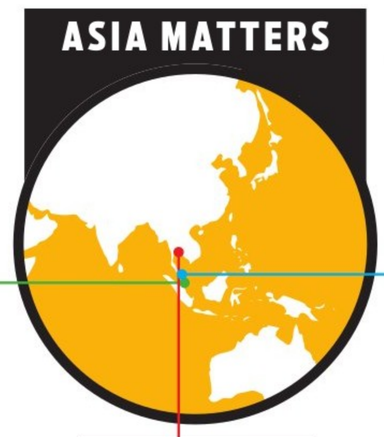
They are large, diversified portfolios of land, property, and investments managed like modern businesses

CROWN ESTATE

The Crown Estate manages a vast property portfolio, now worth £16.7 billion, that includes prime London real estate, rural land, coastal holdings, the Windsor Estate and seabed rights around England, Wales and Northern Ireland

In the year ending March 2025, it made **£1.1 billion in net profits**

ASIA MATTERS



SINGAPORE

ABANDONED WORKERS GET GOVT HELP

Job placements for more than 400 migrant workers, mostly from India and Bangladesh, linked to a case of alleged abandonment by companies owned by an Indian national, will begin next week, Singapore's main labour organisation said on Friday. The workers were hired by three firms with a common director who is believed to have fled the country. "On jobs, we have received interest from over 80 companies with close to 400 vacancies, and our unions are sending in more referrals," Secretary General of the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) said.

THAILAND

'UNGRATEFUL CHILD' LAW IN SPOTLIGHT

A bitter court case pitting members of one of Thailand's wealthiest families against each other is raising questions over a century-old law. The measure, known as the "ungrateful child law", is intended to protect parents from neglectful children. A fourth-generation member of the billionaire family is being sued by his own mother.

MALAYSIA

$13 MN AI CHIP SMUGGLING BID FOILED

Malaysian authorities foiled an attempt to smuggle advanced artificial intelligence chips through the country's main airport, customs officials said on Friday, in a case worth nearly $13 million. A team raided Kuala Lumpur airport's free trade zone on June 5 and seized 72 servers that were reportedly bound for export to another Asian country, an airport customs official said. Malaysia tightened export and transshipment controls on chips from the US last year, requiring a strategic trade permit and advance notification if there is suspicion of misuse or diversion.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non Resident Tamils Department
Special Deputy Collector (Rehabilitation), Mandapam Camp
Ramanathapuram District
Food Supply and Delivery Services to Srilankan Tamils staying at Mandapam Camp, Ramanathapuram District
Tender Notice no. A3/271/2026 Dated: 25.06.2026

1. For full details, visit **www.tntenders.gov.in.**
2. e-Bids are invited by the Special Deputy Collector(Rehabilitation), Mandapam Camp, Ramanathapuram under two cover system for food supply and Delivery Services to Srilankan Tamils staying at Mandapam Camp, Ramanathapuram District
3. The bid documents can be downloaded free of cost in the website **www.tntenders.gov.in** from 25.06.2026 to 09.07.2026

4	Last Date and Time for downloading and submission of Bid Documents	09.07.2026 upto 03.00 pm
5	Date and Time of online opening of Bid Documents	09.07.2026, 04.00 pm onwards

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No: 2905 Date: 23/06/2026

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH GePNIC e_Procurement Notice

1 Name of the work : **Construction of Road Works - 12 Nos.**
2 Class of contractor : **"B" Class, "A" Class** & Special Class of (Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authority.
3 Estimated Cost : Various from **Rs.103.83 Lakhs to Rs.741.45 Lakhs** (Approximately).
4 Details projects as per : As per Annexure attached.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
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Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda	CCERWCSBD - Online - 23/2026-27	30.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	20.07.2026 up to 5.00 P.M.	18.07.2026 up to 2.00 P.M.	21.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated separately

5. The details of works can be seen from the web site **https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
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Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer,
Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda

Hospitals struggle with emergency cases as Europe bakes in heatwave

BERLIN

STREET parties and music festivals were cancelled and alcohol sales limited in parts of western Europe on Friday, as a deadly heatwave choking 150 million people with temperatures above 35C was forecast to shift eastwards.

Health authorities in Britain and France warned hospitals were struggling with the heat and a surge in emergency calls.Germany meanwhile saw temperatures break 40C at several locations in the country on Friday, according to preliminary weather service data, breaking the previous recorded high of 39.6C for the month of June.

Five different weather stations saw readings over 40 degrees, including 40.9C in the western city of Saarbruecken, according to preliminary data, the German Weather Service (DWD) told AFP. Spain has reported scores of heat-related deaths and France has said dozens have drowned, along with several infants who have died in hot cars.

While the heat eased slightly on Friday in some parts of western Europe, countries further east are warning the worst is yet to come. The Czech Republic and Hungary were on red alert for the weekend, with temperatures of up to 40C forecast. Balkans countries were also bracing for a tough few days.

Scientists have shown that recurring heatwaves are a clear marker of global warming driven by humans burning fossil fuels—and are set to become more frequent.

Toddler dies in France

A toddler has died after being found in a hot car during a severe heatwave in the French city of Marseille, a health facility said on Friday. It is just the latest such death in France this week as the country battles blistering temperatures. *AFP*

660 DRONES SHOT DOWN

Ukraine launches major nighttime raid on Russia

MOSCOW

UKRAINE launched a major nighttime attack on a dozen Russian regions, Russian-held Crimea and the surrounding seas, Moscow's Defence Ministry said Friday, in what appeared to be one of Kyiv's biggest drone assaults since the Kremlin's full-scale invasion more than four years ago.

Russian air defences intercepted 660 Ukrainian drones, Russia's Defense Ministry said. The previous biggest Ukrainian attack over the past year, as Ukraine has accelerated its drone development, involved 556 drones on May 17.

In an effort to turn the tables on Russia's grinding war of attrition, Ukrainian long-range drones have been battering oil production and energy facilities behind the front line and deep inside Russia.

The campaign has choked Russian fuel supplies and military deliveries, stalling Moscow's efforts on the battlefield, Western officials and analysts say, and has heaped pressure on Russian President Vladimir Putin. Initial damage reports from Russia after the overnight attack provided scant information. Russia's Defense Ministry usually doesn't say what was targeted in Ukraine's drone attacks.

Russian independent online outlet Astra reported that a chemical plant and a hydroelectric plant in Novomoskovsk were attacked and caught fire. The Associated Press couldn't independently verify the report, and there was no official confirmation.

The major attack came hours after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on X that he had ordered "a 40-day influence operation," believed to mean an escalation of attacks, aimed at "compelling (Russia) to end the war" after US peace efforts over the past year yielded no breakthrough. *AP*

S Korea to buy 20K low-cost military drones

SEOUL

SOUTH Korea unveiled on Friday a plan to acquire 20,000 military drones to fend off North Korean threats, citing lessons learned from wars in Ukraine and the West Asia.

A small number of high-cost weapon systems dominated the battlefields of the past, but the mass deployment of low-cost drones is transforming the nature of warfare.

"Recent conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East clearly demonstrate that drones have emerged as game changers on the battlefield," Defence Minister Ahn Gyu-back told reporters in Seoul. The military will also work on developing AI-powered drone swarms.

Meanwhile, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un observed major weapons tests and called for the military's "deadly and destructive offensive posture" to be bolstered, state media reported Friday, as South Korea announced it would boost its drone warfare capabilities.

Agencies

$963 mn The increase in India's foreign exchange reserves for the week ended June 19. The forex reserve is now at $673 billion

IMEC on course despite West Asia conflict; focus on European ports

India engages with European partners including Italy, Greece, France on maritime linkages

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

DESPITE the geopolitical turmoil and the ongoing conflict in West Asia, India and its partners are continuing discussions on the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), with a special focus on strengthening maritime connectivity between the Gulf and southern Europe, as per government sources aware of the matter. The immediate focus is on identifying the European ports that could be integrated into the economic corridor.

Officials said discussions are underway on connectivity corridors with the UAE, while India is also engaging with European partners, including Italy, Greece and France, on maritime connectivity.

"Yes, the project is progressing because we are building connectivity corridors in India and the UAE. We have also been talking about IMEC with Italy, France and others. They are keen to strengthen those maritime links," a government source said.

The conflict in West Asia had raised concerns over possible delays in implementing the corridor, which aims to connect India with Europe through the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel and Mediterranean ports.

According to the sources, European countries are holding discussions to identify the ports that could emerge as key hubs for cargo arriving through the corridor. France has pitched Marseille as the principal Mediterranean gateway, while Greece wants one of its ports to be integrated into the network. Italy, meanwhile, is advocating for Trieste to serve as one of the corridor's major junctions.

"There is competition between France, Greece and Italy. France says Marseille should be the main port, Greece wants one of its ports to be included, while Italy wants Trieste to be an important junction," the source said.

Given these competing interests, officials said IMEC is expected to evolve into a diversified network with multiple maritime and logistics hubs across southern Europe, providing greater flexibility and resilience in trade flows between India and Europe.

In May, India and Italy committed to further developing IMEC to strengthen trade, investment and supply chain resilience.

Connecting India
Germany
Italy
France
Jordan
UAE
Israel
Saudi Arabia
INDIA
India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor
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3 European countries are holding talks to identify ports that may emerge as key hubs for cargo

CURBS ON AI MODELS

US assured India of stable AI technology access: IT secretary

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

WEEKS after the US curtailed access to Anthropic's AI models worldwide, including in India, Washington has assured New Delhi that technology access, once granted, will not be abruptly withdrawn. The commitment was conveyed by US officials during talks with India, according to IT Secretary S Krishnan.

Krishnan, speaking to reporters after a bilateral meeting with US Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs Jacob Helberg on Wednesday, said Washington had explained the rationale behind its decision to suspend Anthropic's Mythos 5 and Fable 5 models globally, while assuring India that access extended to trusted partners would remain unaffected.

Anthropic had expanded its Project Glasswing programme to India in June, giving Indian organisations access to Mythos Preview model for cybersecurity testing, making India one of the earliest countries to get access. Days later, US' export control directive required Anthropic to disable both Mythos 5 and the public-facing Fable 5 for users worldwide, including in India, after the US government said it had learned of a possible "jailbreak" of the model. Anthropic complied with the order, saying it could not distinguish foreign nationals from other users in order to comply with the directive in any other way.

The Krishnan-Helberg meeting took place on the sidelines of the second Pax Silica Summit, a US-led initiative launched in December to align allies on semiconductors, key minerals and AI supply chains. The initiative was conceived by the US as a counterweight to China's dominance in supply chains.

India joined the framework in February on the sidelines of the AI Impact Summit in New Delhi. Krishnan is representing the country at this week's summit.

"We sought an understanding of how the US is looking at this aspect and what their concerns are and how, in the future, this could be a reliable source of technology, because if it is something which is to be used and made available, we can't have abrupt cutoffs. We were given an understanding of how the US looks at this particular issue and how, going forward, they will ensure that for trusted partners, access will not be an issue," said Krishnan on the sidelines of the second Pax Silica conference in the US.

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S Krishnan, IT secretary

THE ASEAN ANGLE

SINGAPORE

UNVEILS BLUEPRINT TO BE 'AI-EMPOWERED ECONOMY'

Singapore outlined plans to become an "AI-empowered economy" as part of an eight-point blueprint, aiming to position the city-state as a hub for developing and deploying artificial intelligence products at scale. The Economic Strategy Review (ESR), submitted to the government by five private-sector-led panels and published Wednesday, calls AI "a force multiplier for Singapore's economy," capable of "unlocking growth, creating good jobs, and delivering tangible benefits for all Singaporeans." The review, launched in August 2025 under Singapore's Economic Resilience Taskforce, identified AI as its second of eight thrusts, positioning Singapore not as "the biggest frontier AI model," but as a "trusted hub where AI solutions are developed, tested, and deployed.

MALAYSIA

TRADE REACHES RM327.6 BN IN MAY

Malaysia's total trade in May 2026 amounted to RM327.6 billion, with exports and imports valued at RM184.0 billion and RM143.6 billion, respectively, the Statistics Department Malaysia (DOSM) said. According to its May 2026 report Export Import Statistics by State released today, Penang accounted for the largest share of both exports and imports, supporting Malaysia's trade performance. Chief statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said in a statement that exports increased by RM57.4 billion, or 45.3 per cent, from May 2025. The rise in exports was driven by higher shipments from Penang (RM50 billion), Johor (RM6.6 billion), Kuala Lumpur (RM2.1 billion), Sarawak (RM1.7 billion), Perak (RM504.4 million), Terengganu (RM346 million) and Kelantan (RM35.7 million).

PHILIPPINES

BANKS FACE RISING CREDIT RISKS

Philippine banks are likely to face higher credit losses and weaker profitability as economic headwinds intensify, according to Fitch Ratings. The agency expects deteriorating asset quality in the near term, although it believes the country's banking sector remains fundamentally resilient. Fitch affirmed the Viability Ratings of the country's largest banks, including BDO Unibank and Metropolitan Bank & Trust, despite revising the outlook on the Philippines' sovereign rating to negative in April 2026. The downgrade reflected weaker medium-term growth prospects following disruption to public investment and higher energy prices.

VIETNAM

FOREX RESERVES FALLS TO $87.6 BILLION

Vietnam's foreign exchange reserves have declined from a record $111.8 billion in 2022 to $87.6 billion, as the central bank proposes new rules to strengthen reserve management. Vietnam's State Bank (SBV) is seeking public feedback on a draft decree amending regulations governing the country's forex reserves. As per the SBV, during favourable market conditions it purchased foreign currencies to strengthen the country's forex reserves, creating a solid buffer to support national monetary policy. As a result, Vietnam's forex reserves rose from $34.3 billion at the end of 2014 to a record of more than $111.8 billion in January 2022.

AVIATION

Air India may restore some international flights: CEO

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AIR INDIA may restore some of the flights it had cut in recent times because of the West Asia conflict, chief executive officer and managing director of the airline Campbell Wilson told employees on Friday. The call will be taken if easing tensions in West Asia continues to keep fuel prices lower and more airspace accessible.

Hit by airspace restrictions and a sharp surge in jet fuel prices after February 28, the Tata Group airline had last month announced a 27% reduction in its international flights. The airline has also temporarily reduced 22% of its domestic flights. The decision to cut operations came after the airline incurred record losses last financial year.

Singapore Airlines' annual financial statement revealed that Air India's losses stood at about $2.8 billion in FY26, its biggest annual loss since the airline was taken over by the Tata Group in 2022.

In a message to employees, Wilson said the improving geopolitical situation has begun to positively impact airline operations. "...the Middle East conflict has abated and, though there's no guarantee it won't re-escalate, the more stable environment has allowed more airspace to become available and fuel prices to significantly moderate. "Should this trend continue, we may be able to wind back some of the schedule reductions we'd taken in recent months - and I'm sure you all join me in hoping for this sooner than later," Wilson said.

He added that Air India is set to strengthen its fleet this year, with around eight additional new or retrofitted wide-body aircraft expected to enter service, including a new Boeing 787-9 scheduled to arrive this weekend.

Former Uber India chief joins OpenAI

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

OPENAI has appointed former Uber India and South Asia President Prabhjeet Singh as its Managing Director for India, strengthening its leadership team as the artificial intelligence company expands its presence in one of its top priority markets.

Singh will join OpenAI in September and report to Kiran Mani, MD for Asia Pacific, the company said on June 26.

As OpenAI's most senior executive in India, Singh will oversee the company's performance across consumer growth, enterprise adoption, strategic partnerships, regulatory engagement and operations.

He will also focus on building partnerships across India's AI ecosystem while helping consumers, businesses, institutions and government bodies adopt AI. The appointment comes as OpenAI raises its investments in India, where demand for generative AI products has grown among consumers, startups and enterprises.

Singh joins OpenAI after spending 11 years at Uber. Most recently, he served as President of Uber India and South Asia, leading its mobility business across India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. During his tenure at Uber, the company expanded services including Auto, Moto and Shuttle, increased its focus on electric mobility, and formed partnerships with digital public infrastructure initiatives such as the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).

CREDIT DEFAULT SWAPS

RBI ISSUES FINAL CREDIT DERIVATIVES FRAMEWORK

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE Reserve Bank of India on Friday issued the final framework for credit derivatives, allowing resident non-retail users to freely use credit default swaps (CDS) and total return swaps (TRS) without restrictions on end-use, while permitting insurance companies, pension funds, mutual funds, alternative investment funds (AIFs) and foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) to act as protection sellers.

HEDGING TOOLS

1. Resident non-retail users allowed to use credit default swaps
2. Framework permits FPIs to trade credit index futures

The framework, effective immediately, also permits FPIs to trade credit index futures with safeguards against excessive speculation, marking a significant step towards deepening India's credit derivatives market. The move aligns with the government's Budget proposal to deepen the credit derivatives market and strengthen risk management tools available to market participants.

"The rules are applicable with immediate effect," the RBI said in the Master Direction issued on Friday.

Under the framework, resident Indian non-retail users can deploy CDS and TRS without any restrictions on the end-use or purpose of the transaction. However, non-resident users will be permitted to use these instruments only for hedging purposes.

The central bank defines hedging as undertaking a credit derivative transaction to reduce credit risk associated with a particular debt instrument or a portfolio of debt instruments. The RBI also said resident retail users, except individuals, will be allowed to use CDS only for hedging. "A resident retail user, other than an individual, shall be allowed to buy protection only for the purpose of hedging," the directions said.

HDFC review finds no evidence to support ex-chair's allegations

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

HDFC Bank on Friday said an independent legal review conducted by two external law firms found no evidence to substantiate the concerns raised by former chairman Atanu Chakraborty in his resignation letter, concluding that the contemporaneous records and witness interviews did not support his allegations.

In an exchange filing, the country's largest private sector lender said the review was carried out by Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati and Wadia Ghandy & Co. over a three-month period. The firms examined thousands of documents, including board and committee meeting minutes, agenda papers, and other records covering the two years preceding Chakraborty's resignation. They also interviewed all independent directors, panel chairpersons, Managing Director and CEO, and several senior executives.

The review was commissioned after the bank informed exchanges on March 24 that it had appointed external law firms to examine whether the issues flagged by Chakraborty in his resignation letter were borne out by records, whether he had recorded any dissent during board deliberations, and whether such dissent, if any, had been addressed. As per the report, the law firms requested Chakraborty to participate in the review process, but the interview did not take place.

The law firms concluded that Chakraborty's statement "and its implications were not substantiated by the record and witness interviews." They found board minutes underwent a drafting and approval process that gave Chakraborty opportunities to record objections. However, they found no evidence in board or panel records, meeting materials or related communications to support his claims.

The report stated that witness interviews didn't corroborate Chakraborty's allegations. It addressed references made by the former chairman in public statements after his resignation regarding the bank's Dubai-related matter, saying investigators found no contemporaneous evidence that he had expressed ethical concerns or disagreed with decisions taken by the board or its committees on the issue or any other matter.

Apple's price hike unlikely to impact demand in India

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

FOLLOWING Apple's price hike, analysts believe it is unlikely to impact iPhone sales in the country.

According to them, Apple is the last major player to raise prices, while most of its competitors have already implemented multiple price hikes. In fact, Apple's delayed price increase has provided the company with some relief from a competitive standpoint.

Analysts believe iPhone users may view this as an anticipated price rise and could advance their purchase decisions.

According to Tarun Pathak, Research Director at Counterpoint Research, memory prices have increased more than fourfold since Q4 2025, and this single component has eroded the profit margins of most consumer electronics players. Apple has done well to hold prices steady until now, though it hinted at increases last week.

Pathak said the growing demand for AI infrastructure has fundamentally changed the memory supply chain, meaning higher BOM (Bill of Materials) costs are now a lasting challenge.

PE investments in realty fall 23% to $1.13 bn in H1, 2026

SANAL SUDEVAN @ Chennai

PRIVATE equity (PE) investments in Indian real estate sector fell 23% year-on-year to $1.13 billion in the first half of 2026 against $1.47 billion in H1 of 2025 as the investors are engaging in more selective capital deployment due to elevated global interest rate, tighter financial conditions and heightened geopolitical uncertainty.

Despite this decline, the office segment remains the preferred asset class for investment with 89% of PE investments in H1 of 2026, while residential sector received the remaining, said the Knight Frank's Trends in Private Equity Investment in India: H1 2026 report on Friday.

During 2020-21, the yield gap between India's 10-year government bond and theUS 10-year Treasury was 440 basis points, creating a risk premium that supported capital allocation into emerging markets. However, by H1 of 2026, this spread had narrowed to 240 basis points, nearly half the level seen during the pandemic period. As US Treasury yields rose from 1.8% in 2021 to around 4.4% in H1 2026.

Investors turn bullish on IndiGo shares

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

WITH headwinds of West Asia conflict now behind and global crude oil prices, including jet fuel prices, having come down significantly, investors have turned bullish on shares of IndiGo, rising about 22% in the past one month, one of the highest among Nifty50 and Sensex constituents.

The stock rose 5% on Thursday to close at ₹5,462 apiece. Analysts feel that IndiGo's strong operational metrics and dominant market share augur well for them to benefit from easing oil prices, stability in the rupee and a revival in travel demand.

"The signing of the peace deal between USA and Iran after a more than 3 month conflict will lead to correction in crude oil prices which also ease jet fuel (ATF) prices as well as supply fears. The rupee is expected to appreciate against dollar leading to beneficial impact for Interglobe on its aircraft lease payments. The opening of the airspace over Iran will also enable the company to relaunch its flights on the suspended routes to Central Asia and Europe," said Sunny Agrawal, Head - Fundamental Research at SBI Securities.

KERALA CLIMATE RESILIENT AGRI VALUE CHAIN MODERNISATION PROJECT

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TENDER NOTICE

The Kerala Climate Resilient Agri-Value Chain Modernization Project (KERA), a Government of Kerala initiative, invites offline quotations on 22.06.2026 for the below tenders with deadlines.

RFQ Title	Last date for quotation submission
Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Hydrological, Soil Moisture and Water Flow Monitoring Instruments	10.07.2026 at 02.00 PM
Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Soil Sampling and Physical Analysis Equipment	10.07.2026 at 02.30 PM
Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Weighing Lysimeter with AWS Integration	10.07.2026 at 03.00 PM

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RO No. 533 Date: 25.06.2026

Corrigendum No.18 (Time Extension)
e-Tender No. 01/DGM (E&M D-II)/UJVNL/2025-26

Due to unavoidable reasons, the dates of e-Tender No. 01/DGM(E&M D-II)/UJVNL/2025-26 invited by office of the Dy. General Manager, E&M Design-II, UJVN Ltd., Ganga Bhawan, Yamuna Colony, Dehradun (Uttarakhand) are hereby extended as follows:

Last date for submission of bid on e-portal : 06.07.2026 up to 17:00 Hrs.

Last date for submission of Original document (Hard copies) : 09.07.2026 up to 17:00 Hrs.

Date & Time of opening of Technical bid on e-portal : 10.07.2026 from 11:00 Hrs.

Other terms & condition shall remain same. Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from e-procurement portal **"http://uktenders.gov.in"**.

Dy. General Manager (E&M Design-II)

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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government Of India Undertaking)

ARM – II Branch
2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Ph: 080-25310099, 080-25310181,
E-mail – cb6298@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWERS/ GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

'We, **Canara Bank, ARM-II Branch,** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addressees at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers/ Mortgagors /Guarantors: (1) M/s. Ram Rasayanic Pvt Ltd, Represented by its Managing Director: Sri K L Srinivas Murthy Office: # 28/3 1st Floor, Shri Krishna Vijaya Residency, Besides Canara Bank (West Gate Branch), Sir M N Krishna Rao Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004. **(2) M/s.Ram Rasayanic Pvt Ltd Represented by its Managing Director: Sri K L Srinivas Murthy, Office Also at:** Plot No.35, KIADB Industrial Area, Chikkaballapura-562101. **(3) Mr. K L Srinivas Murthy (Managing Director)** S/o K V Lakshmi Narayan, Rest At 3/293, New Post Office Road, Chikkaballapur-562101. **(4) Mrs. R Vijaya Laxmi Ramakrishna (Director)** W/o K L Srinivasa Murthy, Rest At 3/293, New Post Office Road, Chikkaballapur-562101. **GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR : (1) Mr. K L Srinivas Murthy (Guarantor)** S/o K V Lakshmi Narayan, Rest At 3/293, New Post Office Road, Chikkaballapur-562101. **(2) Mrs. R Vijaya Laxmi Ramakrishna (Guarantor)** W/o K L Srinivasa Murthy Rest At 3/293, New Post Office Road, Chikkaballapur-562101. **(3) Late. Jagadamba (Guarantor Cum Mortgagor) Through her's legal heirs (i) Mr. K L Srinivas Murthy, (ii) Mr.Prakas K L, (iii) Mr.Venkatesh K L, (iv) Mrs.Manjula K L, Rest At :** 3/293, New Post Office Road, Chikkaballapur-562101. **(4) M/s. Ram Rasayanic Pvt Ltd (Mortgagor) Represented by its Managing Director: Sri K L Srinivas Murthy, Office:** # 28/3,1st Floor, Shri Krishna Vijaya Residency, Beside Canara Bank (West Gate Branch), Sir M N Krishna Rao Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004. **(5) M/s. Ram Rasayanic Pvt Ltd (Mortgagor) Represented by its Managing Director: Sri K L Srinivas Murthy, Office Also at:** Plot No.35, KIADB Industrial Area, Chikkaballapura-562101.

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Sl. No.	Loan No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Total Liability date as on 24.06.2026 (Rs)	Rate Of Interest
1.	SZ4LCPB192560010	LCPB-LC PAID ACCOUNT	43,20,000.00	As per applicable rate in accordance with banks rules in force
2.	SZ4OSLN192560005	OSLN-OTHER SECURED LOANS	32,01,144.00	
3.	SZ4SBDB192560089	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	19,09,000.00	
4.	SZ4LCPB192560009	LCPB-LC PAID ACCOUNT	15,10,855.00	
5.	SZ4SBDB192560099	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	12,81,000.00	
6.	SZ4SBDB192560092	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	10,52,000.00	
7.	SZ4SBDB192560096	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	10,10,000.00	
8.	SZ4SBDB192560095	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	9,11,000.00	
9.	SZ4SBDB192560093	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	8,85,000.00	
10	SZ4SBDB192560086	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	7,95,000.00	
11	SZ4SBDB192560088	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	7,95,000.00	
12.	SZ4SBDB192560098	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	7,95,000.00	
13	SZ4SBDB192560090	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	7,91,000.00	
14	SZ4SBDB192560100	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	7,15,000.00	
15	SZ4SBDB192560094	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	6,80,367.00	
16	SZ4SBDB192560103	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	5,36,000.00	
17	SZ4SBDB192560102	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	4,80,000.00	
18	SZ4SBDB192560104	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	4,80,000.00	
19	SZ4SBDB192560097	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	4,79,000.00	
20	SZ4SBDB192560101	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	4,54,143.00	
21	SZ4SBDB192560105	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	4,24,000.00	
22	SZ4SBDB192560087	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	3,97,000.00	
23	SZ4SBDB192560085	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	1,96,613.00	
24	SZ4SBDB192560091	SBDB-DL AGAINST SUPPLY BILLS BASE RATE	1,29,240.00	
25	04211250001368	Corporate OD other	1,40,10,475.25	
26	04217890000485	OSL-MISC SECURITIES	22,21,165.16	
27	04217890000625	OSL-MISC SECURITIES	31,72,566.30	

Total Liability Amount: Rs. 4,36,31,568.71 (Four Crores Thirty Six Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Eight Rupees and Seventy One Paise only) as on 24.06.2026 together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 31.10.2012 **Demand Notice Dated : 25.06.2026**

Details of security assets :

Name of the title Holder : M/s Ram Rasayanic Pvt Ltd
Details of Movable Assets : Hypothecation of Movable Assets.
(1) Name of the title Holder : M/s Ram Rasayanic Pvt Ltd
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY : Part-I : All That Piece and Parcel of Industrial Immovable property with building at Plot No 35, measuring 21,827.736 Sq Ft at KIADB Industrial Area, Chikka Ballapur, Karnataka-562103. Boundaries: East by: KIADB Road, West by: Plot No.38, North by: Plot No.34, South by: Plot No.36.
(2) Name of the title Holder : Late. Jagadamba Through her's legal heirs
Part-II : Land Comprising of Residential Building Measuring 1230 Sq. Ft. with Plinth area 930 Sq Ft. at New No.160 Old No.293/2, New Post Office Road, Chikkaballapur-562101. Boundaries: East by: Private Property, West by: Private Property, North by: Private property, South by: Road.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 26.06.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

TRIVANDRUM DIVISION

TENDER NOTICE No.SR-TVC0SnT (TEND)/3/2026/07, Dated: 25.06.2026

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Southern Railway, Thiruvananthapuram-14 for and on behalf of The President of India invites e-tenders for the following works.

Sl No.	Tender No.	Name of the works
1	TVC-SNT-SIG-26-27-07	Signalling arrangements for the Proposed Shunting Neck Extension at Thrissur Station in TVC Division.
2	TVC-SNT-SIG-26-27-09	Comprehensive Annual maintenance Contract for the 54-Data Logger System, 7-RTU and Control Office Application (COA) in 11-stations in TVC Division

Sl No.	Cash Value (Approx.) (₹ Ps)	Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	Last Date for Receipt of Tender	Completion Period
1	**4755526.78**	**95100.00**	**17.07.2026 up to 15.00 Hrs**	08 Months
2	**14281931.09**	**285600.00**	**17.07.2026 up to 15.00 Hrs**	36 Months

Complete details & tender document will be available at **www.ireps.gov.in**

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer / Trivandrum-14

KALYAN KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION VIJAYAPUR DIVISION

NO:KKRTC:VJP:TR:COMM:906:2026-27 Dated:24.06.2026

E-Tender Publication No: 13/2026

Vijayapur Division invited E-Tender(Through E-Procurement) for Commercial Shops, Refreshment Rooms, Open Space of Various Bus Stands Comes under this Division Detailed tender schedule is as below.

1) Last Date for submitting online application: **12.07.2026** at 17.29 PM.

2) E-Tender Opening **Date :14.07.2026** at 10.00 am onward

For details visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in or Contact D.T.O :7760992252 or Commercial Case Worker 8079371829 @ KKRTC, Divisional Office Vijayapur during office hours.

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Sd/- Divisional Controller,
K.K.R.T.C Vijayapur Division.

RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. and Due Date	Description	Quantity (Nos./Sets/Cum)	EMD (Rs.)
1.	05261392 20/07/2026	FRONT PART.	148 Sets	8,78,750/-
		FRONT PART (LUGGAGE END).	89 Nos.	
2.	12261105 23.07.2026	SET OF AIR DUCT (WITHOUT AIR FILTERS) FOR 3-PHASE MEMU & ARRANGEMENT OF AIR DUCT FOR MEMU	69 Sets 50 Sets	1,07,190/-
3.	12261134 23.07.2026	SET OF ROOF PANELS FOR 3-PHASE MEMU/TC COACHES	309 Set	10,20,940/-
4.	12261122 23.07.2026	SET OF FRP SIDE WALL PANELS FOR MEMU COACHES (3 types)	186 Set 30 Set 154 Set	11,27,880/-
5.	05261413 20/07/2026	FRONT PART.	87 Nos.	5,98,180/-
		FRONT PART COMPLETE.	74 Nos.	
6.	12261137 20/07/2026	BODY SIDE WINDOW ARRANGMENT WITH FIXED LOUVRE SHUTTER, **(PL NO-31980983)**	6893 Nos.	17,48,490/-
7.	05261435 20/07/2026	SET OF FINAL ROOF ELEMENT FOR AC 3 TIER AMRIT BHARAT 3.0 WITH FLAT ROOF COACHES **(PL NO-33541759)**	146 Set	4,68,260/-
8.	05261432 20/07/2026	END WALL COMPLETE NPP END FOR POWER CAR AMRIT BHARAT 3.0 COACHES.	19 Nos.	5,74,650/-
		END WALL COMPLET FOR AC 3 TIER AMRIT BHARAT 3.0 WITH FLAT ROOF COACHES.	290 Nos.	
9.	12261090 20/07/2026	WINDOWS FOR LHB COACHES (06 TYPES)	2884 Nos, 222 Nos, 232 Nos, 903 Nos, 611 Nos, 525 Nos	7,12,820/-
10.	05261426 20/07/2026	2 TYPES OF SET OF SIDE WALL ASSLY AND ROOF COMPLETE FOR LHB COACH **(1. PL NO-33551844, 2. PL NO-33551868)**	1. 26 Set 2. 29 Set	12,82,720/-
11.	05261369 10/07/2026	SET OF CARLINE FOR LHB BANGLADESH NON AC CHAIR CAR COACHES **(PL NO-33529231)**	58 Set	1,42,980/-
12.	05261381 09/07/2026	SET OF SIDE WALL ASSLY AND ROOF COMPLETE FOR LHB AC 3 TIER COACH **(PL NO-33691976)**	10 Set	1,99,940/-
13.	12261115 17/07/2026	1. Emergency Wider Window For LHB SCN Coaches (Size 1460x700, with Sliding Shutters) to PL No-33560389	3490 Nos.	20,00,000/-
		2. Wider Window For LHB SCN Coaches (Size 1460x700, with Sliding Shutters) to PL No-33560390	6206 Nos.	
14.	05261373 10/07/2026	1. SET OF FRONT PART FOR NON AC CHAIR CAR FOR BANGLADESH COACHES.	30 Set	10,78,980/-
		2. SET FRONT PART COMPLETE FOR BANGLADESH AC CHAIR CAR COACHES.	39 Set	
		3. SET OF FRONT PART FOR BANGLADESH LHB FIRST AC COACHES.	19 Set	
		4. SET OF FRONT PART FOR LHB BANGLADESH POWER CAR COACHES.	19 Set	
15.	12261121 15/07/2026	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF BIO- DIGESTER SYSTEM LH FOR FAC (WJC) BANGLADESH RAILWAYS	241 Set	4,81,920/-
		SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF BIO-DIGESTER SYSTEM RH FOR FAC (WJC) BANGLADESH RAILWAY	21 Set	
16.	05261318 16/07/2026	SCHAKU SEMI PERMANENT COUPLER **(PL NO./Item Code-31217102)**	630 Nos	10,27,100/-
17.	12261107 28/07/2026	SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ONE COACH SET OF ENTRANCE HAND RAIL FOR TRAIN SET DTC COACHES.	20 Set	4,57,840/-
18.	02261233 13/07/2026	COMPLETE DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING, MAINTENANCE MANUALS, (OBCMS)	-	20,00,000/-
19.	05261450 24/07/2026	3 TYPES OF SET OF CARLINE FOR LHB AMRIT BHARAT COACH **(1. PL NO- 33552307, 2. PL NO- 33552915, 3. PL NO- 33552990)**	1. 216 Set 2. 149 Set 3. 22 Set	7,52,320/-
20.	05261368 24/07/2026	INTEGRATED WTCC FOR LHB BANGLADESH NON AC CHAIR CAR COACHES **(PL NO-33516753)**	140 Set	1,93,510/-
21.	12261164 28/07/2026	Set of Honey Comb partition Frame for LHB SCN with Al Fr HPL sheet.	96 Set	4,98,320/-
22.	05261360 27/07/2026	END WALL COMPLETE FOR BANGLADESH LHB FIRST AC COACHES.	112 Nos	6,62,620/-
		END WALL COMPLETE FOR NON AC CHAIR CAR FOR BANGLADESH COACHES.	112 Nos	
		SET OF END WALL FOR LHB BANGLADESH POWER CAR COACHES.	21 Set	
23.	02261239 13/07/2026	SET OF CAGE CLAMP	302 set	1,25,800/-
24.	05261436 20/07/2026	Set of Partition Frames	145 Sets	9,36,360/-
25.	05261343 20/07/2026	Set of Partition Frames	94 Sets	1,81,020/-
26.	05261417 22/07/2026	Set of Partition Frames	38 Sets	93,120/-
27.	05261443 21/07/2026	Brake Disc For LHB coaches for Wheel Set.	15623 Nos.	20,00,000/-

1. For details and making On-line bids, visit **Website http://ireps.gov.in** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in. Class III-b digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in., 2.**Tenders will close at **14.25 HRS.** on due date and Tender will be opened at **14.30 HRS for Sr. No. 1 to 22 at RCF Kapurthala and for Sr. No. 23 to 27 at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi-110002, 3.** For querries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at **011-24102855,011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658.**

PCMM

CORRIGENDUM

1) Tender No.: 05261316, **Description:** FRONT PART., **Due Date:** 14/07/2026, EMD to be read as **"Rs. 20,00,000"** instead of **"NIL"**

PCMM

No. 33-S/2026-27 **Date: 26.06.2026**

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM OF E-TENDER NOTICE

Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti, N.W.Rly. Bikaner for and on behalf of President of India invites open E-Tender for the following works up to 15:00 Hrs on 10.07.2026 as below:- **Tender No.:** 06-2026-GSU-BKN, **Name of Work with its Location:** Civil work in C/W of Augmentation Coaching Maintenance Facilities at Lalgarh (Phase-II), **Earlier Approx. Cost of Work:** Rs. 948267738.01, **Modified Approx Cost of Work:** Rs. 947701670.91, **Earlier Bid Security Amount (in Rs.):** Rs. 18965400.00, **Modified Bid Security Amount (in Rs.):** Rs. 18954000.00, **Date and Time for submission of tender & opening of tender:** Bidding start date on 26.06.2026 & Tender closing Date & time up to 15:00 Hrs on 10.07.2026. Note- Other terms & conditions will be shown on the website www.ireps.gov.in.

Dy.Chief Engineer/Gati Shakti
922-PS/26 **Bikaner**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mrs. Nagarathnamma W/o Mr. Suresh Residing at No. 67, 17th Main Road, Chethan Circle, Vinayaka Layout, Andrahalli Main Road, Bangalore 560091.** confirm residential of the above address.

We here by declare that my client has lost below mentioned original

1. Notarized GPA dated 25.11.1991 executed by Sri. Venkatashyama alias Reddy in favour of Sri. Murugesh; and
2. Original Sale Deed dated 27.02.2006 executed by Sri. Venkatashyama alias Reddy represented by his GPA Holder Sri. Murugesh in favour of Sri. Narayan, registered as Document No. BLN-1-29298-2005-06, stored in Book-I, CD No. BLND225, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk.

Further Police Complaint bearing No. 1357789/2024 dated 28.11.2024 was lodged before the Bangalore City Police to this effect which has been acknowledged. The above public notice is now issued. Any person having claim/in possession of the said document may represent to the undersigned within 7 days failing which it will be taken that there are no claims

If any person having any claims right, title and interest whatsoever over the suit Schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims with in 7 day from the date of Publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by any body and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and there after no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Plot No.66, Old No. 225, Present No.11329, out of Assessment No. 28 situated at Andarahalli Village under the administrative jurisdiction of Ward No.40, Yeshavantpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. Measurement East-West 30 feet, North-South-40 feet Total area Measuring 1200 square feet. And bounded on the:- East by : 25 feet Road, West by : Site No.65, North by : Site No. 67, South by : 30 feet Road.

Veena Rani J S, Advocate.
No. 118, 2nd Main F Cross, Kacharakanahalli, Bangalore - 560 084. Mob: No. 9535278594
Place : Bangalore Date : 25.06.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Smt. Parimala W/o Manjunath Residing at No. 09, 1st Cross, Dasanapura Hobli, Basavanagara, Gangodanahalli, Lakshmipura Post, Bangalroe 562123.** confirm residential of the above address.

We here by declare that my client has lost below mentioned original Absolute Sale Deed dt 23.01.2013 Executed by Sri. Venkatarangaiah and others in favour of Veerabairaiah Registered as Document No. YPR-1-03540-2012-13 Stored in C D No. YPRD71 in the office of the Sub-Registrar Yashwanthapura measuring 990 square feet

Further Police complaint has been lodged on 22.06.2026 in this regard Lost Report no. 2268947/2026 to this effect which has been acknowledged. The above public notice is now issued. Any person having claim/in possession of the said document may represent to the undersigned within 7 days failing which it will be taken that there are no claims.

If any person having any claims right, title and interest whatsoever over the suit Schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims with in 7 day from the date of Publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by any body and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and there after no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Residential Vacant Property bearing Site No.9 assessment old no. 6 present No. 6/2, situated at Gangodanahalli, Dasanaura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 33 feet, and North to South: 30-0 feet, totally measuring 990 square feet and bounded on the:-
East By : Site No. 8, West By : Road, North By : Site No. 10, South By : other's property.

Veena Rani J S, Advocate
No. 118, 2nd Main F Cross, Kacharakanahalli, Bangalore-560 084. Mob: No. 9535278594
Place : Bangalore Date : 25.06.2026

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E-Auction programme for the month of JULY & AUGUST-2026

JULY e-Auction 2026

DATE	DIVISIONS/DEPOTS
01.07.26	TIRUPATI
03.07.26	VIJAYAWADA
06.07.26	VISAKHAPATNAM
07.07.26	GUNTUR
08.07.26	GUNTAKAL
09.07.26	RAYANAPADU
13.07.26	VISAKHAPATNAM
14.07.26	TIRUPATI
16.07.26	VIJAYAWADA
17.07.26	VISAKHAPATNAM
20.07.26	GUNTUR
21.07.26	GUNTAKAL
22.07.26	RAYANAPADU
23.07.26	VIJAYAWADA
24.07.26	TIRUPATI
27.07.26	VISAKHAPATNAM
29.07.26	GUNTUR
30.07.26	GUNTAKAL
31.07.26	RAYANAPADU

AUGUST e-Auction 2026

DATE	DIVISIONS/DEPOTS
03.08.26	TIRUPATI
04.08.26	VISAKHAPATNAM
05.08.26	VIJAYAWADA
06.08.26	GUNTUR
07.08.26	GUNTAKAL
10.08.26	RAYANAPADU
11.08.26	TIRUPATI
12.08.26	VISAKHAPATNAM
14.08.26	VIJAYAWADA
18.08.26	GUNTUR
19.08.26	VISAKHAPATNAM
20.08.26	GUNTAKAL
21.08.26	RAYANAPADU
24.08.26	TIRUPATI
25.08.26	VIJAYAWADA
26.08.26	VISAKHAPATNAM
27.08.26	GUNTUR
28.08.26	GUNTAKAL
31.08.26	RAYANAPADU

Principal Chief Materials Manager/Visakhapatnam
SCoR-A051

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scor.indianrailways.gov.in

IN THE COURT OF THE V ADDL. PRINCIPAL JUDGE FAMILY COURT AT BENGALURU

M.C. No. 1364/2026

Smt. Spoorthi ... PETITIONER -V/s- Sri. Chandrashekar ....RESPONDENT

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

To, **Sri. Chandrashekar,** S/o Sidda, No.1, 12th A Cross, KengalHanumanthaiah Road, Hanumagiri Layout, Chikkalasandra, Padmanabhanagara, Bengaluru-560070 . ...**RESPONDENT**

WHEREAS the above-named Petitioner has filed the above case before this Court U/S 13(1)(i-a)& (i-b) YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED to appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or through a duly instructed pleader on **12-08-2026** at 11:00 A.M. and show cause against the petition/ application filed in the above case, failing which the matter shall be heard and determined ex parte in accordance with law.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Court on 09-06-2026.

By order of the court, Senior Sheristedar Family court at Bangalore.

KARTIK KUMAR .S, Advocate
No.21 LAW SEVA ASSOCIATES,
3rd Cross, CSI Compound. 1st Floor,
KCD Buidling, Bengaluru-560027.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase the "Schedule Property" from SHIVARAM Son of Agadurappa, aged about 70 years, residing at No. 2898, 14th A Cross, near Umamaheshwari Temple, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560070, any person having right, title, interest, claim, objections or whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property may file their objections with documentary proof to the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections are received within the said period, our client will proceed to complete the proposed Sale transaction presuming that above mentioned person is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and that there are no other Claimants.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Survey No. 37 bearing BBMP Khata Sy.No. 37/305 (vide conversion order bearing official Memorandum No. ALN.SR (S.Be) 117/2009-10 dated 16/04/2010) measuring 0-37 Guntas out of 1 Acre 25 Guntas, (40293 Sq.ft) having BBMP E-PID No. 5904926261, situated at Chikkathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP bearing Ward No. 192 Bengaluru and bounded on the:

East by : Remaining land of Sy.No.38 and Road
West by : Remaining land of Sy.No.37
North by : Remaining land of Sy.No.38
South by : Remaining land of Sy.No.37

Bengaluru,
Date:

Sd/- **Sanjay H. Sethiya,** Advocate
Law Square, Advocates & Solicitors
Level Two, No. 2/1, 3rd Cross,
Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560009.
Ph: 080-41711481

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase the "Schedule Property" from Sajjan Raj Sankala Son of Gisulal, aged about 55 years, residing at No. 1661, 18th Main, 41st Cross, 4T Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560045, any person having right, title, interest, claim, objections or whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property may file their objections with documentary proof to the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections are received within the said period, our client will proceed to complete the proposed Sale transaction presuming that above mentioned person is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and that there are no other Claimants.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM No. 1

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Sy.No. 78/2, (Old Sy.No. 78) measuring 1 acre 12 guntas, situated at Indlavadipura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District, bounded on the:

East by : Property belongs to Anjaneyaswamy Inanthi and Indlavadi Village Sy.No.101.
West by : Government Lake
North by : Sy.No.78/1 belongs to Ramappa @ Ramayya.
South by : Property belongs to NallayyadoddiSolamma.

ITEM No. 2

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Sy.No. 13/2, measuring 0-27 guntas, situated at Indlavadipura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District, bounded on the:

East by : Road.
West by : Sy. No. 78
North by : Indlavadi Village Border.
South by : Sy. No. 69.

Bengaluru
Date:

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IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH-20), MAYO HALL AT BANGALORE

Misc.No. 25059/2025

BETWEEN:

The Church of South India Trust Association,
Karnataka Southern Diocese,
Balmatta, Mangalore-575 001
Rep.by its Power of Attorney Holder,
Mr.Ivan Devapriya Soans ...**PETITIONER**

AND:

1. Dr. John S. Dorai,
S/o. Mr. Edwin Vijayakumar,
Aged about 75 years, R/a. 144,
Shanmugam Street, Mylapore,
Chennai-600 004
2. Mr. Thyagaraja, S/o. Mr. Lukes,
Aged about 72 years, R/a. Ashok Nagar,
11th Cross, Shimoga-577 201.
3. The Sub-Registrar, Indiranagar, No. 40,
BDA Complex, HAL Old Airport Road,
Stage 2, Domlur, Bengaluru-560071
...**RESPONDENTS**

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS UNDER ORDER V RULE 20(1A) OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908

1. Dr. John S. Dorai,
S/o. Mr. Edwin Vijayakumar,
Aged about 75 years, R/a. 144,
Shanmugam Street, Mylapore,
Chennai-600 004
2. Mr. Thyagaraja, S/o. Mr. Lukes,
Aged about 72 years, R/a. Ashok Nagar,
11th Cross, Shimoga-577 201
3. The Sub-Registrar, Indiranagar, No. 40,
BDA Complex, HAL Old Airport Road,
Stage 2, Domlur, Bengaluru- 560071

Whereas the Petitioner has filed instant petition to set-aside the order/ Judgment dated 04.01.2023 passed by this Hon'ble XXV Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge (26th ACC& SJ) at Mayo Hall at Bangalore vide O.S No. 25554/2021 to its original files to contest the matter on merits. You all are hereby summoned to appear in person or through pleader on **22/7/2026 at about 11.00 a.m,** before the City Civil and Sessions Judge (CCH-20) Mayo Hall at Bengaluru to answer to all material questions in relation to the above case, failing which the matter will be heard and decided by placing you as Ex-parte.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Court, on this 15th day of June 2026.

By Order of the Court
***Sd/-* Deputy Registrar**
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall,
At Bengaluru

Advocate for Petitioner:
Dr. M. Sunil Sastry,
M/s. Sastry & Co.,
New No.1098 (old No.8). O.T.C.Road,
Nagarthpet, Bengaluru-560 002.

PUBLIC NOTICE

An original sale deed document pertaining to the property located at Bangalore North taluk, Dasanapura hobli, Hullegowdanahalli Village bearing Assesment No. 58 (Old) 162 New and Property No.112/1, Site No.3rd, vide Reg. Name **Nandeesha C with Kavitha B.S** Book-1 No. MDL-1-01594/2020-21 Dated: 24.08.2020 measuring 49x30 feet have been lost. Complaint No. 22271670/ 2026, Dated 24.6.2026. If anybody found the same, kindly inform nearby Police Station or the owner Nandeesha C, Mobile: 8105657574.

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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e-Tender Notice No. DRM/Works/ SC/88-100/2026/OT Dt. 23.06.2026

PUB/406

For and on behalf of President of India, the undersigned invites e-tender for the following works up to 14.00 hours on 24.07.2026

S.No.: 01 **e-Tender No.:** 88_CO_SC_26_OT **Name of work:** Measurement of Turn out using Portable Track Geometry measurement System (PTGMS – P & C) over South Central Railway. **Approx. Tender Value in (₹):** 1,77,00,000/- **EMD (₹):** 3,54,000/- **Completion period in Months:** 06 **Maintenance period in Months:** Nil

S.No.: 02 **e-Tender No.:** 89_CR_SC_26_OT **Name of work:** SC-KZJ Section: Proposed ancillary works such as improvements to drainage arrangements, cover over to approach roads and etc. for RUB No. 439A (LC No.51) at Km 310/20-22 between GNP-NSKL stations. **Approx. Tender Value in (₹):** 3,78,91,928/- **EMD (₹):** 7,57,900/- **Completion period in Months:** 09 **Maintenance period in Months:** 06

S.No.: 03 **e-Tender No.:** 90_N_SC_26_OT **Name of work:** Asifabad road - Replacement of 8 Nos. Type-II quarters and 2 nos. Type-III quarters at ASAF. **Approx. Tender Value in (₹):** 3,60,21,304/- **EMD (₹):** 7,20,500/- **Completion period in Months:** 12 **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No.: 04 **e-Tender No.:** 91_N_SC_26_OT **Name of work:** SW 1) Replacement of 6 Nos Type-II quarters and 2 Nos. Type-III quarters at WIRUR station under ADEN/BPA sub division. SW 2) Construction of Type-II quarters-6 Nos. at Makudi station under ADEN/BPA sub - division in Sr.DEN/North jurisdiction. **Approx. Tender Value in (₹):** 4,95,80,929/- **EMD (₹):** 9,91,600/- **Completion period in Months:** 12 **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No.: 05 **e-Tender No.:** 92_N_SC_26_OT **Name of work:** SW 1) BPQ-KZJ Sections: Widening/repair of Cess, filling up of low lying areas near toe of bank, providing Toe bank & Precast / Cast insitu RCC central Drain & cross drain HDPE through the Railway formation at a required depth to the required slope etc. for a total length of 7.93Kms. in SSE/P.Way/MAGH & MCI section under ADEN/BPA & ADEN/RDM Sub-division. SW 2)BPQ - KZJ section: Cutting the slopes to avoid loose earth filling inside drains and blocking drainage at KM.144/4-24 in between Manikgarh and Whirgaon stations in ADEN / BPA sub division. SW 3)BPQ-KZJ section: Removal of earth heaps obstructing visibility of DN & BD lines in cuttings at KM 192/0-32 in between SKZR-SRUR stations in ADEN / BPA sub division. **Approx. Tender Value in (₹):** 8,55,39,278/- **EMD (₹):** 17,10,800/- **Completion period in Months:** 12 **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No.: 06 **e-Tender No.:** 93_NW_SC_26_OT **Name of work:** Extention of High level platform No.1 at Lingampet Jagityal in ADEN/KRMR in DEN/NW/SC jurisdiction. **Approx. Tender Value in (₹):** 1,92,90,333/- **EMD (₹):** 3,85,800/- **Completion period in Months:** 12 **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No.: 07 **e-Tender No.:** 94_NW_SC_26_OT **Name of work:** Raising of Platform from Medium level to High level at Chakur (CKX) under ADEN/BIDR sub division in DEN/North - West jurisdiction. **Approx. Tender Value in (₹):** 2,60,59,213/- **EMD (₹):** 5,21,200/- **Completion period in Months:** 12 **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No.: 08 **e-Tender No.:** 95_NW_SC_26_OT **Name of work:** Raising of Platform from Medium level to High level at Her (HER) under ADEN/BIDR sub division in DEN/North - West jurisdiction. **Approx. Tender Value in (₹):** 2,60,59,213/- **EMD (₹):** 5,21,200/- **Completion period in Months:** 12 **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No.: 09 **e-Tender No.:** 96_S_SC_26_OT **Name of work:** DKJ-MUGR Section- Br No. 69 at km.59/13-14 between BDCR-GLE stations, Bridge No. 125 at km 91/3-4 between PGP - MUGR, existing 1x12.20m steel girder Proposed to be replaced with PSC Slab of span 1x12.20m **Approx. Tender Value in (₹):** 2,08,90,393/- **EMD (₹):** 4,17,800/- **Completion period in Months:** 09 **Maintenance period in Months:** 48

S.No.: 10 **e-Tender No.:** 97_S_SC_26_OT **Name of work:** DKJ-MUGR Section- Br.No.81 at km.66/1-2 between GLE-PGP Stations, Br. No.83 at km.67/3-4 between GLE-PGP Stations, Bridge No. 86 at km 68/1-2 between GLE-PGP stations, existing 1x12.20m steel girder Proposed to be replaced with PSC Slab of span 1x12.20m. **Approx. Tender Value in (₹):** 3,21,72,383/- **EMD (₹):** 6,43,500/- **Completion period in Months:** 12 **Maintenance period in Months:** 48

S.No.: 11 **e-Tender No.:** 98_S_SC_26_OT **Name of work:** Bhadrachalam Road - Proposed service building of size 25x8m (G+1) duly dismantling the existing service building. **Approx. Tender Value in (₹):** 2,11,78,130/- **EMD (₹):** 4,23,600/- **Completion period in Months:** 12 **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No.: 12 **e-Tender No.:** 99_W_SC_26_OT **Name of work:** Construction of P.Way stores shed at Vikarabad & Seram station. **Approx. Tender Value in (₹):** 4,47,96,836/- **EMD (₹):** 8,96,000/- **Completion period in Months:** 12 **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

S.No.: 13 **e-Tender No.:** 100_W_SC_26_OT **Name of work:** SW 1) Seram-SEM: Proposed Raising of Platform No. 2 to High level at Seram. SW 2) SEM Station: Up gradation of waiting hall and Additional facilities at Seram station under Sr.DEN/West/SC jurisdiction. **Approx. Tender Value in (₹):** 6,85,19,868/- **EMD (₹):** 13,70,400/- **Completion period in Months:** 12 **Maintenance period in Months:** 36

1. Tenderers should participate through e-tendering only and no manual offers may be considered.

2. Tender conditions/other particulars are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website at **www.ireps.gov.in** which can be downloaded, can be Participated and can view any modifications if any.

Sr. DEN/Co-ordination/ Secunderabad

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to the general public that our client is purchasing the Schedule Property from its absolute owners **SRI. SUDARSHAN K.NARASIPURA,** R/at No. 106/11, 10th Main, 11th 'A' Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru 560003. **SRI. SANTOSH K. NARASIPURA,** R/at No. 4, Champakadama, 10th Main, 13th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru 560003 both children of Late N.S. Krishnamurthy. If the general public, banks, financial institutions, co-operative banks/societies, or anyone have any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property, they are hereby requested to file their objections along with the supporting documents with the undersigned within the period of 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF residential building constructed on site bearing No. 25, having EPID No. 1428102913, situated at Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, 11th Block, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, measuring East to West 80 feet, North to South 50 feet totally measuring 4000 sqft, consisting of stilt, ground, first, second and third floor, having a built up area of 1251.43 sqmtrs, with 8 residential houses of 2BHK and 3BHK : **EAST BY : ROAD; WEST BY : SITE Nos. 56 & 57; NORTH BY : SITE No. 24; SOUTH BY : SITE No. 26.**

Sd/- SURESH .H.M., Advocate
VSR LEGAL
Advocates & Legal Consultants,
No. 01, "SOWRABHA", 2nd Main Road,
Kalyana Nagar, Bangalore-560072.
Ph. : 9845954657 / 9900068017

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that Smt. A.B. Shobha Singh, daughter of Sri A.S. Bheem Singh, is the absolute owner and in possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property described hereunder.

The Schedule Property was originally gifted by Sri A.S. Bheem Singh in favour of Smt. A.B. Shobha Singh under a registered Gift Deed dated 08.02.1982, registered as Document No. 5317/1981-82, Book-I, Volume 491, Pages 76 to 78, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru. The said title was further confirmed under a registered Deed of Confirmation dated 28.05.2016, registered as Document No. 1023/2016-17 before the Sub-Registrar, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru. Since then, Smt. A.B. Shobha Singh has been in continuous ownership of the Schedule Property. The original title documents pertaining to the Schedule Property, namely the Registered Gift Deed dated 08.02.1982, Registered Rectification Deed, Registered Deed of Confirmation, BDA allotment/related documents, and Possession Certificate, have been lost/misplaced and could not be traced despite diligent search. The owner has initiated steps for the sale of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the immovable Property being portion of property on the Western Side facing 7th Main Road, with A.C Sheet Shed in the Property bearing No.678/B/34, situated in 8th Main Road, K.N.Extension, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore, assigned BBMP Municipal No.34, Old PID No.7-49-34, New PID No.045-W0129-36, (formerly Western Portion of Site No.607, Municipal No.34, **E-PID No.2643813537**, Gokula 1st Stage, 4th Phase Extension, Bangalore, formed by the BDA **situated at 8th Main Road (currently 7th Main Road), 1st Stage, 4th Phase, Gokula, Bangalore,** BBMP Ward No.45 -Malleshwaram, **measuring East to West 30 feet, and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft.**

and bounded on:- East by : Remaining Portion of Site No. 607 belongs to Mythri.H.S, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 606, South by : Site No. 608.

Any person/s, institution/s, bank/s or entity having any claim, right, title, interest, share, lien, charge, mortgage, tenancy, lease, inheritance, agreement, litigation, attachment, acquisition proceedings, easementary right, encumbrance or objection of whatsoever nature in respect of the above Schedule Property or with regard to the aforesaid lost original Gift Deed, are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned in writing together with supporting documentary evidence within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no claim or objection is received within the aforesaid period, it shall be presumed that no person has any claim or objection in respect of the Schedule Property and the proposed sale transaction shall be proceeded with. Any claim received thereafter shall be deemed to have been waived and shall not be entertained.

P.V. Mirandra Kumar, Advocate
Ayana Legal
505-506, 5th Floor, Brigade Towers
135, Brigade Road, Bengaluru - 560025.
Phone No. +91 8618056913
Place : Bengaluru Date : 26.06.2026

TENDER NOTICE NO: 13/2026 Dt.25.06.2026.

SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS
e-Procurement Tender Notice

PUB/407

The Following Tenders Have Been Floated Online. Tenders Are Requested To Visit The Website **www.ireps.gov.in** And Submit Their Offers Online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD May Be Seen In Website. Offers Submitted Manually Will Not Be Accepted. Offers By Post Will Not Be Entertained. Tender Closing Time Is 14.30 Hrs Of The Due Date Of The Tender. "For All Indigenous Offers, EMD Will Be Accepted Only Via Online System As Available On **www.ireps.gov.in**."

Tender No.	Brief Description
31261021	Jerk Free high tensile center Buffer

Note:-Due dates of Tender Opening: SL.No.01 on dt.07.07.2026.

CORRIGENDUM

1) Tender Notice No.10/2026 dt. 05.06.2026 Tender No.33261138 due on 29.06.2026 may be **read as Due DT.** 14.07.2026

2) Tender Notice No.11/2026 dt. 12.06.2026 Tender No.38261135 due on 29.06.2026 may be **read as Due DT.** 15.07.2026

3) Tender Notice No. 11/2026 dt. 12.06.2026 Tender No.33261203 due on 29.06.2026 may be **read as Due DT.** 14.07.2026.

Beside Above Mentioned Tenders There Are Other Tenders Having **Value Above Rs.50 Lakhs.**

For Details, Please Visit Railway Website Above.

A476 **Principal Chief Materials Manager/Secunderabad**

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

Holland reign in rain to finish on top

AGENCIES @ Kansas City

THE lightning that streaked over Arrowhead Stadium on Thursday night only briefly slowed the Oranje Fanwalk, as Dutch supporters marched en masse to watch the Netherlands play Tunisia in the World Cup, the top spot in Group F hanging in the balance.

Nothing else seems to be slowing down the Dutch these days. Certainly not a Tunisian team in chaos. Brian Brobbey scored his third goal of the tournament, and the Netherlands got two more goals that deflected off Tunisian players and into their own net, sending the Dutch to a 3-1 victory and ultimately first place in their group.

The Netherlands had begun the day tied at the top with Japan. But when the Samurai Blue only managed a 1-1 draw with Sweden in a game played simultaneously in Arlington, Texas, that left Virgil van Dijk and his teammates looking forward to a matchup with Group C runner-up Morocco on Monday in Monterrey, Mexico — and Japan with the heavy task of playing Brazil in the round of 32.

Netherlands players celebrate a goal against Tunisia on Thursday | AP

COLOMBIA: Vargas(1); Munoz (2), Sanchez (23), Lucumi (3), Mojica (17); Lerma (16),Puerta (14), Arias (11); Rodriguez (10), Diaz (7); Suarez (25).

PORTUGAL: D Costa (1); Cancelo (20), Dias (3), R Veiga (13), Mendes (25); Vitinha (15), J Neves (23), B Silva (10), Fernandes (8), Felix (11); Ronaldo (7).

BATTLE FOR TOP SPOT

In a match that will decide the Group K winners, Portugal take on Colombia in Miami. Talking points...

RONALDO UP AND RUNNING

Cristiano Ronaldo came under the scanner after a lacklustre outing in the opener. However, he roared in emphatic manner with two goals in the following match. They need to beat Colombia to finish first.

IN-FORM MUNOZ

With two wins, Colombia currently occupy the top spot and just need to avoid defeat to finish as toppers. Daniel Munoz is the man in form and he'll be looking to inspire the team.

Today's match

Group K: Colombia vs Portugal @ Miami Stadium | 5 AM*

OTHER MATCHES

Group L: Panama vs England; Croatia vs Ghana (both ties 2:30 AM*). **Group K:** DR Congo vs Uzbekistan (5 AM*); **Group J:** Algeria vs Austria (7:30 AM*)

*IST Sunday

Live on United8 Sports & ZEE5

QUICK PASSES

'Pride Match' talk avoided

SEATTLE: Before the Iranian coach and goalie answered any questions ahead of the team's World match with Egypt, Daniel Marin, FIFA's executive director of public relations, read a statement on behalf of the Iranian team in light of the Pride celebration "This Islamic Republic of the Iran Football Federation has asked us to inform the media that they are only willing to answer questions in relation to the game," Marin said. Egypt took a similar approach to the Iranians.

New goalscoring record in WC

INGLEWOOD: The 2026 FIFA World Cup became the hioghest-scoring edition in the tournament's history during the US's defeat to Turkiye. Auston Trusty's opener was the record-breaking 173rd goal, eclipsing the previous mark of 172 set in the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. Four more goals were scored after Trusty's opener, bringing the total to 177.

Mexico's joy muted in regions

CULIACAN (MEXICO): Much of Mexico have been celebrating the World Cup with outdoor gatherings in the country's three host cities — Mexico City, Guadalajara and Monterrey since the tournament began. But in villages and towns across Mexico where shootings are a near-daily occurrence, the cheers are mostly confined indoors, as they are gripped with fear.

WORLD IN HIS STRIDES

AN ANALYSIS OF MESSI'S PHYSICAL PATTERNS IN HIS LAST NINE MATCHES FOR ARGENTINA AT THE WORLD CUP

Match	Total distance	0-7	7-15	15-20	20-25	25+
2022 Saudi Arabia	7.8km	4.6km	1.9km	844m	337.3m	79m
2022 Mexico	8.4km	4.9km	1.9km	739.8m	533m	136.2m
2022 Poland	8.2km	4.7km	2.1km	748.8m	533.9m	81m
2022 Australia	8.5km	4.7km	2.3km	858.2m	513.4m	81.7m
2022 Netherlands	11.7km	6.7km	3.2km	1km	696.2m	94.1m (ET and penalties)
2022 Croatia	8.2km	4.7km	1.9km	855m	523.7m	98.1m
2022 France	12.1km	7.1km	2.7km	1.3km	749.6m	140.5m (ET and pens)
2026 Algeria	6.8km	4.1km	1.5km	670.2m	357.6m	62m
2026 Austria	7.9km	4.9km	1.5km	804.9m	484.5m	94.8m

How FIFA categorises speeds across the five slabs

ZONE 1 0-7 kmph
ZONE 2 7-15 kmph
ZONE 3 15-20 kmph
ZONE 4 20-25 kmph
ZONE 5 25kmph+

Per FIFA, high speed runs are Zone 3 and flat-out sprints are Zone 4 and Zone 5.

Here, Messi's data for the first three zones are in KMs and in metres for the other two.

*Data from FIFA's summary match reports, a publicly available data tool

It's Leo's time yet again

ARGENTINA WILL BE EYEING THEIR THIRD CONSECUTIVE VICTORY WHEN THEY TAKE ON JORDAN IN A GROUP J TIE. A LOOK...

RECORD PLAYER

Lionel Messi, who turned 39 on Wednesday, will once again be in the spotlight as he aims to add to his record tally of 18 goals at WC. The support cast – players like Julian Alvarez, Enzo Fernandez – will also be keen to make their marks.

DEBUTANTS PLAY FOR PRIDE

Despite showing fight, Jordan crumbled under pressure to suffer early exit in their first WC. They fought hard in their first match against Austria but lost 1-3. The team will hope to end their campaign on a high.

Live Action **Group J:** Jordan vs Argentina @ Dallas Stadium | 7:30 AM* *IST Sunday **LIVE on Unite8 Sports and Zee5**

ARGENTINA: E Martinez (23), Montiel (4), Otamendi (19), L Martinez (6), Tagliafico (3); Lo Celso (11), Parades (5), Fernandez (24); Messi (10), Alvarez (9), Almada (16).

JORDAN: Abulaila (1); Nasib (3),Abu Dahab(4), Al-Arab (5); Haddad (23); Al-Rawabdeh (8), Al-Rashdan (21), Abu Taha (20); Al-Taamari (10),Olwan (9) Al-Mardi (13).

MESSI'S WALK OF FAME

In era marked by speed & athleticism, Argentine maestro influences matches by walking

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN

ACROSS the 2022 World Cup, Lionel Messi covered a distance comparable to doing one-and-a-half marathons (roughly 66 kms). Out of those, he spent nearly the length of a marathon just walking, as per by FIFA. The world governing body had captured his movements to be below 7 kmph for over 60 per cent of the time (Zone 1).

The average adult human walks at a pace of around 4.5 kmph. An evening stroll. A morning amble before the harsh sun. Or a late-night dawdle to meet the day's step count. One footballer perennially exists in this zone while playing the game at the highest level. Even as other footballers try to influence the game by sprinting, running or pressing, Messi influences the game by walking.

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At Newell's (Messi spent a lot of his childhood here while growing up in Argentina), he hated running without the ball. "When I was at Newell's," he had told Clank once, "there were two or three times a week we were sent to run around the grounds. I used to hide behind a tree. Running without a ball was never my thing (smiles). I have always been very self-critical. I am the first to know what I do right and what I do wrong. When I walk, I analyze the opponent's positioning, how we stand when we don't have the ball, get away from the marker and be able to initiate a counterattack."

There's often this theory that in the first five to 10 minutes of games, Messi prefers to just observe. Just pick a spot, stand and watch proceedings unfold. However, the reality is a bit more complex. He's already mapping out details; what are the defenders like, where are the potential opportunities for him, what would a counter-attack look like? Pep Guardiola, who coached Messi at Barcelona, once said this of Messi in a documentary, 'This is Football'. "He's not out of the game," the Spaniard had said. "He's involved. Moving his head. Right, left, left, right. He smells who is the weak point of the back four. After five, ten minutes, he has the map. He knows if I move here, here, I will have more space to attack. Oh, that is quite incredible. We are contemporaries of that guy. So enjoy it. Lionel Messi, just simply one of a kind. He is so good."

In 2005, a few people commissioned a documentary to see what Zinedine Zidane alone had access to. So, during a football game between Real Madrid and Villarreal, 17 cameras were trained on Zidane in 'Zidane: A 21st Century Portrait'. The makers of the film wanted the world to see football through the eyes of the French playmaker. Likewise, it would be fascinating to see a whole football match unfold through Messi's eyes.

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Per publicly available documents issued by FIFA, Messi's physical metrics over the last two World Cups make for a very interesting reading. He doesn't cover a lot of ground. He's not their quickest and his top speed isn't the greatest. If anything, he's one of the slowest among the outfielders with respect to top speed.

So how is he able to have such an outsized influence on the Albiceleste? He's always looking for space, but not in the conventional sense. His game IQ is several levels above. While his top speed has suffered over the last few years, what he still has is that sudden burst of acceleration over five yards. And five yards is all he needs to make a difference.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Australia enter last-32 after draw

SANTA CLARA: AUSTRALIA qualified for the World Cup knockout rounds after battling to a 0-0 draw with Paraguay in Santa Clara to claim second place in Group D. The Socceroos, who defeated Turkey in their opening match, were never seriously threatened on their way to securing a point to reach the last 32.It marks only the third time that Australia have advanced beyond the group stage in seven appearances at the World Cup. The draw also left Paraguay firmly on course for the knockout rounds as one of the eight best third-placed teams in the group stage.

Thursday's results

Group D: Paraguay 0 **drew with** Australia 0; Turkey 3 (Guler 10', Yilmaz 31', Ayhan 90+8') **bt** USA 2 (Trusty 3', Berhalter 49'). **Group E:** Curacao 0 **lost to** Ivory Coast 2 (Pepe 7', 64'); Ecuador 2 (Angulo 9', Plata 77') **bt** Germany 1 (Sane 2'). **Group F:** Japan 1 **drew with** (Maeda 56') Sweden 1 (Elanga 62'); Tunisia 1 (Mastouri 54') **lost to** Netherlands 3 (Skhiri 3'og, Brobbey 7', van Hecke 62').

Emotional moment for Ecuador coach Beccacece

Ecuador's Gonzalo Plata (L) and his teammates celebrate the winning goal | AP

STEPHEN WHYNOP @ East Rutherford

WITH his long blonde hair flowing in the wind, Ecuador coach Sebastian Beccacece made a beeline for the stands.

The 45-year-old Argentine climbed up from the field to embrace his wife and other loved ones, while fans within reach patted him on the back and tens of thousands around the stadium jumped and cheered. The emotional moment after Gonzalo Plata scored the go-ahead goal against Germany on Thursday was the release of intense pressure the coach was mired in, criticised for what was veering toward Ecuador's worst showing at a World Cup. Beccacece instead is being celebrated for helping get the nation into the knockout stage -- and he wants everyone else to celebrate, too.

"We came to life to feel," Beccacece said through an interpreter after the 2-1 victory over an opponent that was heavily favoured but already assured of first place in the group. "Sometimes we feel the pain of defeat but sometimes also the satisfaction of a victory. What is important is to strike a balance. This will not change my life. It will not. But we must indulge ourselves in this joy." Beccacece said he has fallen in love with Ecuador since taking the job and took joy in the style of his players making the country fall in love with them as a team.

He also said there are things bigger than football in this world and that prioritizing family was most important.

"My dad is missing. He's watching us from above. But, anyway, I think we need to celebrate these moments. I'm thinking of the Ecuadorian people, 19 million people celebrating hugging each other, having a beer and celebrating this historical victory." If not for Plata's goal, Ecuador were in danger of going home. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Jurel shines as India A post 452

GALLE: India A struck early twice after skipper Dhruv Jurel's unbeaten 141 propelled the visitors to a massive 452 for six declared in the first innings of their first unofficial Test against Sri Lanka A on Friday. Anshul Kamboj (1/22) and Yash Thakur (1/20) claimed a wicket each to rock hosts early, who reached 113/2 when the stumps were drawn. **Brief scores:** India A 452/6decl in 111.4 ovs (Sai Sudharsan 132, Jurel 141 n.o; Gunasekara 3/84) vs Sri Lanka A 113/2 in 31 ovs (Fernando 65 batting).

Mirabai among selected for CWG

CHENNAI: Two-time Commonwealth Games champion Mirabai Chanu will once again spearhead India's weightlifting campaign at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games beginning on July 23. Chanu, who has won three Commonwealth Games medals — two gold and one silver — will compete in the women's 48kg category. **Indian team — Women:** M Chanu (48kg), G Yadav (53kg), B Devi (58kg), H Kaur (69kg), Sanjana (77kg), M Devi (+86kg). Men: Rishikanta (60kg), M Raja (65kg), Ajaya Babu (79kg), Dilbag (94kg), Lovepreet (+110kg).

Rounak stuns World No 6 Tien

FULLERTON (US): Young Indian shuttler Rounak Chouhan packed off world number six and top seed Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei in straight games to create a big upset at the US Open. World No. 80, Chouhan, who was part of India's bronze medal winning world junior campaign, defeated Chou 21-17, 26-24 on Thursday to set up a quarterfinal clash against Misha Zilberman. Tanvi Sharma, Rakshitha Sree and Devika Sihag also won their matches.

India in direland: World champs handed shock loss

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

OCCASIONALLY Ireland have shocked heavyweights including England, South Africa and Pakistan in T20Is. But they never managed to do that against India in the past 17 years since they played their maiden match against the Asian giants in 2009.

It all changed on Friday as the Irish cricket team created history in Belfast beating the reigning world champions by 34 runs in the first T20I of the two-match series. The second and the last match of the series will be played on Sunday.

Abhishek Sharma plays a shot against Ireland on Friday | BCCI

Earlier, it was all going India's way even as the newly-designated captain Shreyas Iyer took a brave call of leaving teenaged batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi out of the playing XI. After inviting the opponents to bat, Iyer and Co have reduced the hosts to 51/4 inside eight overs. Captain Lorcan Tucker (50) then added 64 runs for the fifth wicket with all-rounder Gareth Delany (49) to resurrect the innings before the latter came down heavily on offie Washington Sundar and pacer Prasidh Krishna to plunder 46 runs from two overs. In the end, they managed to put a defendable target of 182/9 in 20 overs.

Given the firepowers they have in their ranks, India were still the favourites but their top-order batters except opener Abhishek Sharma (50) failed miserably. **Brief scores:** Ireland 182/9 in 20 ovs (Tucker 50; Rana 3/24) **bt** India 148 in 18.5 ovs (Abhishek 50; Hollard 3/28).

Shirse scorches track in heat, Odisha win relay

TANMAY DAS @ Bhubaneswar

THE hot and humid conditions have turned the National Inter-State Senior Athletics championships into a tough test for both human endurance and their ability to adapt. On Friday, beating the the conditions, national record holder in 110m hurdles, Tejas Shirse blazed to 13.61s in the final at the Kalinga Stadium.

Shirse smoothly sailed over each hurdle to complete his dominance after a blistering 13.43s in the heats. The mark also made him eligible to compete at the Asian Games (qualifying mark: 13.63s) in September-October this year. The silver and bronze medals were won by Manav R of Tamil Nadu and Krishik M of Karnataka with 13.66s and 13.69s respectively.

Shirse played down the conditions saying the it is same for every athlete here. "The qualification mark had been one of the key targets for me. I did it, so never mind the climate. Prior to the Asian Games I will work out on my techniques and produce a better timing."

Tejas Shirse qualifies for the Asian Games | RELIANCE FOUNDATION

Local flavour

Defending champions Odisha's men's 4x100 relay team won another gold, clocking 39.92s.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Wimbledon: Serena to face 20-year-old

AGENCIES @ London

SERENA Williams will face an opponent less than half her age when she plays 20-year-old Maya Joint in the first round at Wimbledon for her first singles match in nearly four years. The seven-time Wimbledon singles champion, who is 44, accepted a wild-card entry to the grass-court Grand Slam, where she'll also compete in doubles with her older sister Venus, who turned 46 last week. It's all part of a tennis comeback that started with two doubles warmup matches but kicked into high gear Sunday when the All England Club announced Serena would play singles. Brackets were set in Friday's draw.

Joint was born in Michigan - as was Williams - but represents Australia through her father. She is ranked No. 53 and made her Wimbledon debut last year.

MSMEs in India: The Unfinished Agenda

India is a diverse country full of nuances, and its so-called "MSME" sector is no exception to this quirky tapestry. India's Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises commonly known as "MSMEs" are routinely described as the backbone of the economy. The phrase appears with such frequency that it risks becoming a cliché. The MSME sector is a no-nonsense contributor to the economy, accounting for around 30 percent of India's GDP and more than 45 percent of exports, prominent source of employment. These numbers are impressive, but they can sometimes obscure the fact that MSMEs are not a homogeneous category.

Identity Crisis-India's MSME sector is as diverse as the country itself. A neighbourhood tailoring unit, a tiny fruit-juice shop around the corner, makeshift chai wallahs, seasonal Diwali diya stalls, temple enterprises, count less ancillary manufacturing units supplying intricate components to large industries, and a technology-enabled software firm in service sector with multinational clientel seem worlds apart. Yet under India's MSME framework, all are classified using the same two criteria: annual turnover and investment. The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006 groups these vastly different enterprises into the MSME category based solely on these measures.

Under the current definition, a micro enterprise has turnover not exceeding ₹10 crore and investment in plant, machinery, or equipment of up to ₹2.5 crore. A small enterprise has turnover of up to ₹100 crore and investment of up to ₹25 crore, while a medium enterprise can have turnover of up to ₹500 crore and investment of up to ₹125 crore. This broad classification often masks important differences in their needs, constraints and growth trajectories.It fails to identify the nano enterprise sector. Micro enterprises are estimated to form more than 90% of the MSME sector and nano enterprises having turnover less than Rs 1 crore form 99% of the micro sector.

Many recent reports advocate the need to reclassify the MSME sector to recognize the nano enterprise segment. They are too large to qualify for many poverty-oriented interventions and too small to attract the attention of formal financial institutions. As a result, they occupy a policy blind spot. A more nuanced classification of MSMEs that explicitly recognizesthese nano enterprises would allow policymakers to design targeted interventions rather than relying on one-size-fits-all solutions.

The Missing She-preneur Women's micro and nano businesses in India are often dismissed as less productive.From a Western perspective, both in academic literature and public policy, both in literature and policy, women's entrepreneurship is often perceived as a uniform and homogeneous landscape. However, in India, women often initiate, own and manage businesses, but legally, the businesses are owned by men. This is because they believe that bureaucratic procedures will be easier to navigate if the business is registered under a man's name. Typically, due to gender disparity in property ownership, and gender bias in credit availability, women-led businesses are not necessarily 'owned ' by women on record. Another overlooked reality in India is that many women actively support family-run businesses without ever being recognised as entrepreneurs. For example, a woman may manage a tea stall in the afternoon while her husband rushes off to his part-time job, or a mother may drop her children at school and then spend the rest of the day helping run her husband's software firm. These women are never counted as entrepreneurs even though they bear the joint responsibility of the enterprise.

To Formalise or Not to Formalise? - Over the past decade, India has made significant progress through digital public infrastructure. Platforms such as Udyam and GST have simplified registration and compliance procedures. Yet formalisation is not merely a technical registration process. It is ultimately a business decision.

Our recent research found that entrepreneurs are more likely to formalise when they can clearly perceive tangible benefits.Registration for its own sake is rarely sufficient motivation. If business owners do not see improvements in access to markets, finance, customers or government support, many prefer to continue operating informally. India operates within a distinctive social and economic ecosystem where community networks play a central role in business operations. These networks provide not only credit but also customers, suppliers, labour and information. For many entrepreneurs, informal finance is not simply a last resort. It is often faster, more flexible and better aligned with the realities of small business operations.

This creates a paradox. Many entrepreneurs remain disconnected from formal institutions while being deeply embedded in informal support systems. Understanding this reality is essential if policymakers wish to improve financial inclusion. Simply replicating models developed in Western economies may not produce the desired outcomes in the Indian context.Concerns about paperwork, compliance burdens and time costs further reinforce this hesitation.

Leveraging GST Reforms to tackle cash flow problems- At the recent National Conclave on "Next-Gen GST and the Road to Viksit Bharat @ 2047" organised at Gokhale Institute in collaboration with ICSSR, the industry participants pointed out that compliance requirements often place disproportionate burdens on small proprietorships where a single individual manages sales, operations, accounting and customer relationships simultaneously.

In this context, the panel proposed that integrating the Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) with payment systems operated through the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) could significantly reduce compliance burdens. Automated tax calculation, reconciliation and payment linked directly to transactions would simplify processes for small enterprises. Such integration could also improve transparency around payments and help address the chronic problem of delayed payments to MSMEs.

Linking GST data with existing provisions that mandate timely payments to MSMEs could further strengthen cash flow management across the sector. For small businesses, timely payment is often more valuable than access to additional credit.

Recreating the narrative - The future of India's MSME sector requires a shift in thinking. The challenge is not merely about introducing more schemes or expanding credit. It is about recognising diversity within the sector, understanding the role of informal networks, and designing institutions that work with entrepreneurial realities rather than against them.

India's entrepreneurial landscape is far more complex than standard classifications and Western frameworks can capture. If we genuinely wish to unlock the growth potential of MSMEs, we must begin by recognising these nuances that remain hidden in plain sight. The unfinished agenda is not simply about supporting MSMEs. It is about understanding who they really are.

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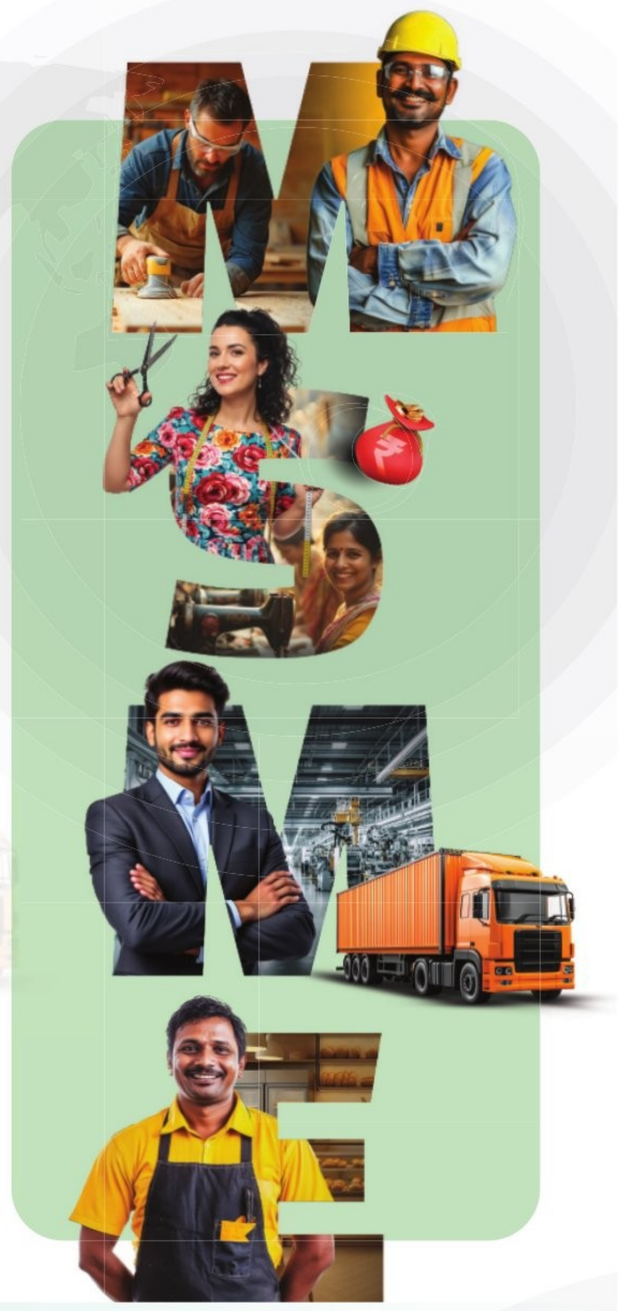

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Strengthening MSME Landscape through Strategic Development Initiatives

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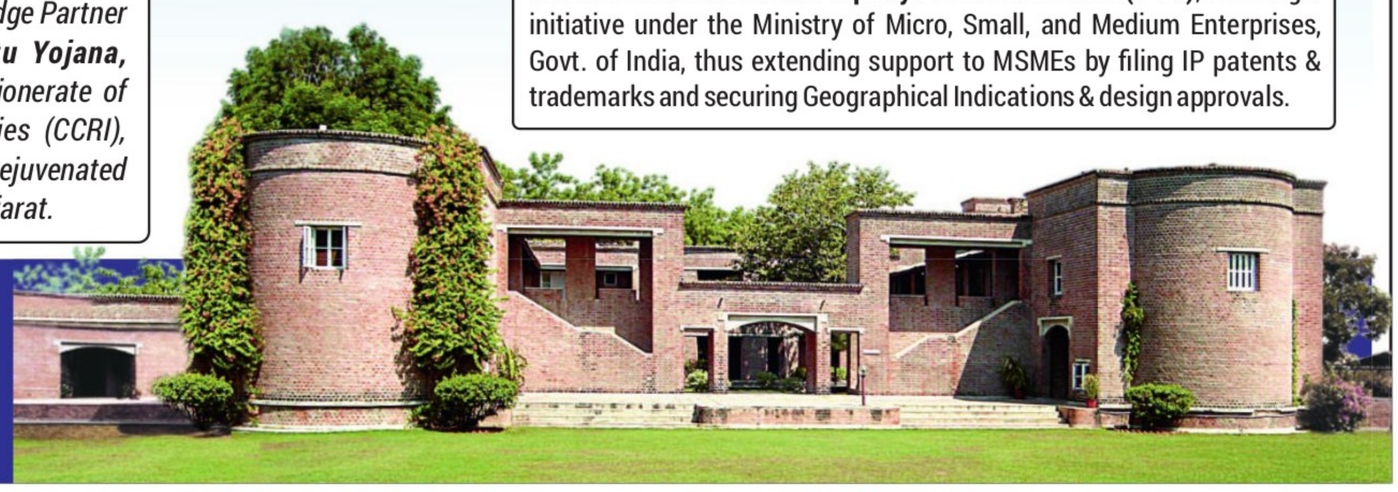
EDII hosts the **Intellectual Property Facilitation Centre (IPFC)**, a strategic initiative under the Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises, Govt. of India, thus extending support to MSMEs by filing IP patents & trademarks and securing Geographical Indications & design approvals.



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CE's guide to weekend happenings in the city

PG 2

FAST & F2URIOUS

Fresh off his first win of the season, Bengaluru Formula 2 driver, Kush Maini reflects on the importance of team effort, growing up in a motorsport family and Formula 1 dreams

SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN

KUSH Maini's victory at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya in Spain marked a breakthrough in his 2026 Formula 2 campaign. Born into a prominent Punjabi business family settled in Bengaluru, Maini has become one of India's leading motorsports talents. After a string of competitive performances that had fallen short of the desired result, the Indian driver finally converted pace into victory early this month, securing his first win of the season and giving the French motorsports team, ART Grand Prix, a reward for months of steady work.

The Barcelona triumph carried significance for more than the points haul. "It was a really important win for me," says Maini, adding, "Getting the first win of the season was not just something that will stick with me but also the team. We have been competitive in all rounds so far, but never got the big result. So, the top step was validation for us, indicating the work we've been putting in is moving in the right direction," he says, adding that though the results are impressive there's still a long way to go this season.

The breakthrough followed a challenging period in Maini's career, when results often failed to show the pace he knew he possessed. The 25-year-old's move to ART Grand Prix also helped bring greater stability and confidence, with Maini quick to highlight the collective effort behind every result, even though motorsports may seem like an individual venture. "The relationship you have with your engineers and the team is really important because you are constantly working together to improve the car and understand where you can be better," he says.

Amid the roar of engines and the rush of race-day action in Barcelona, Maini's focus was put to test. The circuit is know for tyre management and race intelligence, demanding discipline from drivers across the race distance. Maini entered the race with a clear plan and struck to it throughout. "After that start of the race, I knew we had good pace, so it was just about keeping my focus and sticking to the plan we had chalked out before the race. I knew I was losing pace as the tyres aged but that was something I knew was always going to happen, so we had planned well for the overall situation," says Maini, who is mentored by Mika Häkkinen, a two-time Formula One World Drivers' Championship title winner.

Apart from Häkkinen's guidance, growing up in a family involved in motorsports and watching his brother Arjun Maini compete internationally, gave him an early understanding of the sport's demands. "It's definitely been a bit of both," he says of the advantages and expectations that come with it. Watching his brother Arjun's journey, he adds, has provided valuable insights and guidance throughout his career. Maini is also the nephew of business magnate Chetan Maini and grandson of Maini Group of Industries founder Sudarshan Maini

As Indian motorsports get visibility on the global stage, he hopes young fans gain a realistic understanding of what it takes to succeed. "I think the biggest misconception is that becoming a professional racing driver is only about being naturally fast. Talent is important, but success comes from years of hard work, discipline, fitness and continuous learning. The positive side is that motorsports are becoming more accessible for young Indian talent and the importance of fitness in all our journeys is being emphasised," he says.

As he moves forward, with the roar of engines and the rush of every straight and corner defining his path through Formula 2, Formula 1 remains the ultimate goal. He believes progress comes from concentrating on the present, though, as he says, "If you spend too much time thinking about the future, it can take away from what you need to do on track. The biggest thing is to keep improving every weekend and hope that the opportunities come if you perform."

PICS: DUTCH PHOTO AGENCY

These walks take a unique approach, uncovering Whitefield's overlooked history, exploring the Madras Sappers' colonial campus & Lal Bagh's trees through ghost stories, report **Mahima Nagaraju** & **Anjali Ram**

WHITEFIELD HERITAGE WALK

Whitefield is often dismissed as a purely modern IT suburb, but history enthusiast Suyash Kumar is introducing its rich history through a walk on June 28 at 9am. The idea, however, first sparked around October 2024 when they realised the gap. "People often think Whitefield has no history but it actually goes back to 1882," says Kumar. The walk will introduce participants to historic landmarks and forgotten cultural memories collected from the Mysore Gazette, books, newspaper archives and oral histories by residents. Highlights include structures like the Waverly Inn, one of Whitefield's oldest buildings, now lying abandoned amid legal disputes. "There are a lot of stories about its connection with Winston Churchill, although that is an oral tale," shares Kumar. Another is Meersaab, a general store established in 1915 that once served nearly 50 surrounding villages.
Details: @bengaluruprayana on Instagram

Trail of Tales

LORES OF HAUNTED TREES

Writer Abhishek Khan is helping Bengalureans realise their interconnectedness with nature through a deep-rooted tradition: oral storytelling, specifically the ghostly kind, through a walk on July 5 at 4pm. "We have a history of stories associated with trees native to India, most of them around nightmares. They were about the land and we were binding our stories to these trees long before we were binding books," he says. The walk takes participants through Lal Bagh, pausing at specific trees and engaging the senses with fragrances throughout the park. Pointing to one of the highlights, Khan shares, "A banyan tree, for example, would give you a nightmare that a woman calls out to a man while he is sleeping, and if you go towards it, only your bones will be found in the morning."
Details: @lalbagh.info on Instagram

MADRAS SAPPERS HERITAGE TRAIL

Iconic colonial buildings, like Mayo Hall and Attara Kacheri, are familiar to Bengalureans. But how many know The Madras Sappers (now the Madras Engineer Group) and its role in shaping the cantonment? Its campus is set to welcome visitors through a walk by Bengaluru Prayana on July 4 at 7.30am. Being the group's base since the 1800s, the campus is a treasure trove including the Madras Sappers Museum and Archives (MSMA), a steam train engine, a mediaeval chinese bell and more. Raksha Nagaraj, the heritage walk group's founder, tells a story, gathered from oral histories, "The Sappers brought a grey mule back from war and it was also the Chief Commanding Officer of a regiment. In its memory, a memorial still stands within the campus." Visitors can also explore the sappers' philatelic history through philatelist Varun Khanna's collection. "We have many interesting elements – letters, postal elements released to commemorate the battle honours and landmark moments," Khanna shares. **Details:** @bengaluruprayana on Instagram

CITY READ

Community-based organisation to conduct matrimonial meet on June 28

Rajput Sabha is conducting a 'Matrimonial Meet' on June 28 at Rajput Bhavan, Vasanth Nagar. The event will focus on giving a platform to prospective brides and grooms from the Rajput community to gather and select suitable life partners. For more details, call 63645 21946 or 63642 31561.

Healthcare company launches eight ayurvedic products for common ailments

Samahita Life Sciences recently launched eight ayurvedic products in the presence of the founder and co-founder of Samahita Life Sciences, Shwetha and Srivatsa, respectively, along with Anjaneya, CEO & Director of Geosun, Hyderabad. The products include Dyava Plus for managing diabetes-related concerns, Quiet Night for sleep disorders and snoring control, Vein Exa for varicose vein-related issues, Relivion Joint for arthritis and joint-related problems, Thyro Lixen for thyroid-related concerns, Dyava Juice for supporting people with diabetes, Colix Juice for supporting cardiovascular health and Coughrelix Juice for relieving cough-related problems. The products will be available across Karnataka.

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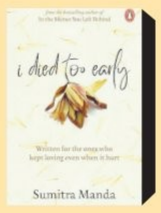
Our Perfect Storm
by Carley Fortune

Frankie and George have been best friends since they were eight. When her fiancé dumps Frankie on her wedding, George, her best man, suggests she go on her honeymoon, with him. The trip maybe the last chance to repair their friendship or fall apart for good.

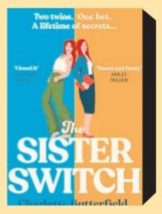


I Died Too Early
by Sumitra Manda

A collection for those who learnt pain too young and kept loving long after it hurt. These poems and quiet reflections trace heartbreak, childhood wounds, womanhood and the slow return to yourself after being broken.

The Perfect Day And Other Stories
by Salil Desai

This anthology fractures the ordinary into crime, deception and slice-of-life truths, blurring the mundane to grip your soul.



The Sister Switch
by Charlotte Butterfield

After a heated argument on live television threatens their jobs, Alice and Edie make a bet: neither could last a week in the other's shoes. Determined to prove each other wrong, they secretly swap lives – without telling a soul.

CREATIVE DIALOGUE

Artist Vishwas M explains his work to a visitor during a group art exhibition titled Trialogue Beyond Similarities, also featuring works of Kushal Kumar NS and Rahul Mhetre, at Art Houz, Vasanth Nagar | **VINOD KUMAR T**

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RAJA SHIVAJI (Marathi, Hindi)

The journey of the young Shivaji, who fought against the powers that be and was crowned as Chhatrapati monarch.

Cast: Riteish Deshmukh, Genelia, Sanjay Dutt, Bhagyashree

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FOREIGN

AVATAR: FIRE AND ASH (English)

The conflict on Pandora escalates as Jake and Neytiri's family encounter a new, aggressive Na'vi tribe.

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FIVE POSES FOR PEOPLE WHO SAY 'I'AM TOO STIFF FOR YOGA'

Many people avoid yoga because they feel too stiff. They think yoga means touching the toes or doing difficult postures. But yoga can begin with simple movements within your range. Yoga is not only about flexibility. It combines movement, breath, awareness and relaxation. Done regularly, it can support mobility, posture, balance and well-being.

HERE ARE FIVE SIMPLE POSES TO TRY

1. Virabhadrasana II (Warrior 2 Pose)

Stand with your feet 3 to 4 feet apart. Turn the right foot out and the left foot slightly in. Bend the right knee comfortably, keeping it in line with the ankle. Do not let the knee collapse inward. Stretch the arms sideways or keep hands on the waist. Repeat on the other side.

2. Trikonasana (Triangle Pose)

Stand with your feet about 3 feet apart. Turn the right foot out and the left foot slightly in. Keep the legs active without locking the knees. Lean gently to the right and place the right hand on the thigh, shin, block or chair. Raise the left arm, or keep it on the waist. Look sideways or down.

3. Ardha Uttanasana (Half Forward Fold)

Stand with feet hip-width apart. Place both hands on a chair or shin. Bend the knees slightly, move the hips back and lengthen the spine. Keep the neck relaxed.

4. Bhujangasana (Gentle Cobra Pose)

Lie on the stomach with palms beside the chest. Keep the elbows bent and close to the body. Lift the chest slightly. Keep the shoulders away from the ears. Do not push into the lower back.

5. Vakrasana (Gentle Seated Twist)

Sit comfortably on the mat. Keep the spine tall. Bend right leg. Hug right knee with left hand. Place your right hand behind you. Turn from the upper back. Look sideways or back side.

Move slowly and breathe normally. If there is sharp pain, dizziness, numbness or pain travelling down the leg, stop and seek professional advice.

Yoga does not need a flexible body. It needs a patient start.

By Naveen Sharma, Yoga Expert at Yoga Circle by cult – a fitness and wellness platform

QUICKFIX

GAMBAS AL AJILLO (SPANISH GARLIC SHRIMP)

INGREDIENTS

- **Shrimp/prawns:** 250 g
- **Garlic cloves, thinly sliced:** 8
- **Parsley**
- **Salt**
- **Olive oil:** 4 tbsp
- **Red chilli:** 1 dried
- **Crusty bread**

METHOD

- Heat olive oil gently. Add garlic and chilli.
- When the garlic turns pale gold, add shrimp. Cook 1-2 minutes per side.
- Finish with salt and chopped parsley. Serve with bread to mop up the garlic-chilli oil.

Contributed by **Pooja Das,** Delhi

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Squash It!

Interested in squash but never played the sport before? Learn fine and tactical skills at this workshop that will help sharpen your physical and mental reactions.

WHEN: June 27, 4pm

WHERE: Indian School of Sports, Bellandur

CALL: 70221 56403

Glitzy Jars

Get in touch with your creative side by transforming simple jars into glowing lamps. Apart from learning how to decorate the jar, you'll also learn to work with lights. Create different lighting effects and add finishing techniques to your decorated jar.

WHEN: June 27, 1pm onwards

WHERE: Euphoria Cafe, Koramangala

DETAILS: district.in

The Malenadu Essence

Relish in the flavours of the Malenadu region with a nine-course meal that draws inspiration from forest produce, native grains, seasonal harvests and coastal–inland influences. Organised by Ole Project, the culinary experience will also include storytelling in an intimate setting.

WHEN: June 27, 1pm

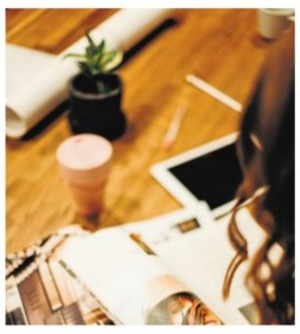
WHERE: Watson's Cantina, Vasanth Nagar

CALL: 70228 94742

Epic Tale

Enjoy a dance-drama presented by Mahabharata Dialogues that is rooted in the epic's storyline. Explore true love through the performances by Mohiniyattam dancer Namitha Vijaykumar and storyteller Abhilash Purohit.

WHEN: June 27, 5pm **WHERE:** Rangasthala Auditorium, Sampangi Rama Nagar **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Zines for Pride

Create mini handmade magazines that will explore themes of identity, pride, culture and hard-learned lessons. Collaborate with people to design every page that represents you and take home a copy of your work.

WHEN: June 27, 6pm

WHERE: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar

DETAILS: urbanaut.app

Decoding Puzzle

Explore a clear and structured way of solving a 3x3 Rubik's cube with a step-by-step guide that introduces solid fundamentals, a reliable solving method and efficient techniques. Learn this skill that strengthens problem solving, concentration and mental agility.

WHEN: June 27, 5.05pm | **WHERE:** Brain Sttudio Global, Padmanabhanagar | **CALL:** 63623 59655

Board Game Galore

Indulge in an evening of board games with over 350 games from around the world. Enjoy complimentary beverages and different types of board games with a bunch of friends.

WHEN: June 27, 3pm

WHERE: The Boardgame Den, Ashok Nagar

DETAILS: 96866 94048

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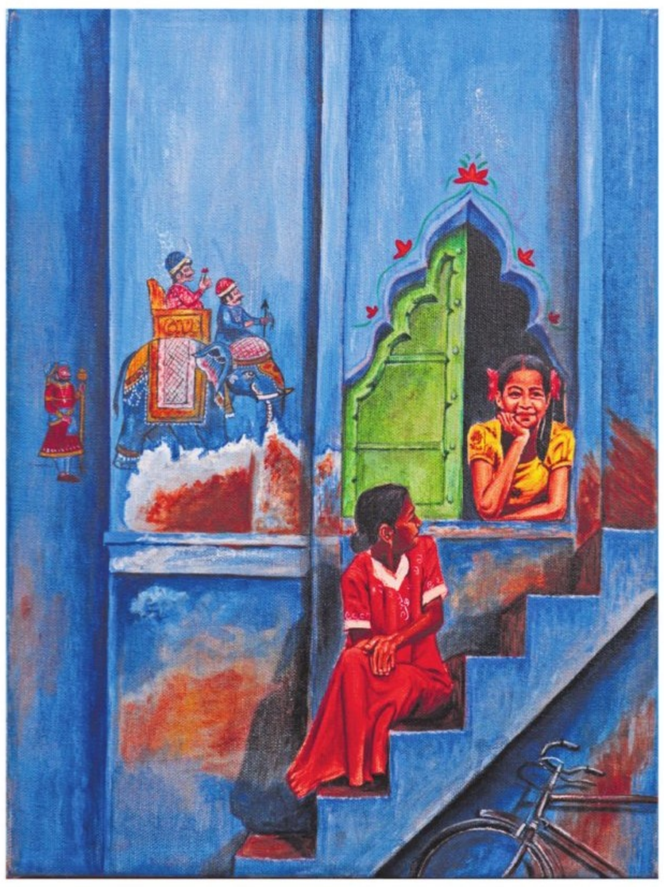

THE WONDERING WINDOW

Artist Heaven Reni plays with acrylic colours capturing everyday life with elements of imagination

A swirl of nostalgia is sweeping through B'luru cafes, where childhood favourites are being reinvented with new flavours and a generous scoop of experimentation

Soft Spot

SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN

ONCE upon a time, a soft serve vanilla or chocolate cone was enough to delight generations of children. Eaten before it got melted in the summer heat, it was indeed one of the simplest pleasures money could ever buy. Today, that humble dessert is finding a new audience in the city, where cafes and dessert brands are reinventing soft serves with flavours ranging from filter coffee and Milo to macha and even tiramisu.

Bengaluru's appetite for speciality desserts has encouraged businesses to experiment with a treat closely associated with nostalgia. The same emotion was the starting point for Filter Coffee House in JP Nagar, as its co-founder Adithya KB shares on making a softy inspired by the city's favourite beverage. "We wanted to make sure we could get the nostalgia back with an innovative twist. Once we started with the filter coffee softie, we understood that the crowd and our customers wanted to relive their past when they used to get the vanilla and chocolate softy." The thought paved the way to flavours such as chilli guava and mango, offering customers a chance to revisit sweet memories while trying something new. Among the experiments, chilli guava was a hit, drawing curiosity and loyal fans, he notes, adding, "We have got mixed reviews, but for the folks who liked it, they love it because of the authenticity we brought in with the flavour.

At Latcha in JP Nagar, soft serves were part of the vision from the inception. Founders Rajasree Yarlagadda and Harsha Dasari wanted desserts that complemented its speciality matcha programme and introduced customers to flavour combinations that are still relatively uncommon in India. "The larger goal has always been to introduce a more elevated and globally-inspired soft serve culture to India, where premium dessert experimentation is still relatively niche," Yarlagadda says. This led to combinations like matcha and ube (purple yam), matcha-strawberry and matcha-vanilla. If you're wondering how matcha and ube work together, the combination balances the earthy notes of matcha and the sweet-creamy profile of purple yam.

Softy in a Japanese fish-shaped cone called Taiyaki

Milo-inspired softies

Among the other eye-catching players in Bengaluru's soft-serve scene is Bungeo Creamery, Indiranagar, a brand that focuses on premium soft serves and unconventional flavour combinations. "We created combinations that people normally wouldn't expect in a soft serve, like ube and Thai tea matcha and tiramisu. We honestly thought some of them would feel weird at first, but they turned out to be our bestsellers," says co-founder Ramya Gandhi Rajan. Unlike regular soft serves, premium soft serves use richer cream and finer ingredients instead of a high water ratio. Combined with imported Korean machines, it gives a denser, creamier, fluffier texture that's not overly sugary, watery or melty, adds Rajan.

Brands also credit Instagram reels, customer-generated content and influencer collaborations for helping customers discover new flavours and concepts. Dilip Krishnan, co-founder and CEO, Foodsta Kitchens, believes that social media has played a major role in accelerating interest in the category. "Premium soft serve isn't just dessert, it's content. Bubble team and soft serve are inherently visual – the vibrant colours, textures and iconic swirl make them highly shareable," he shares.

One of the brand's subsidiaries, Zen Chai in Whitefield, recently launched a Milo-inspired softy, a category that leans towards emotions as much as taste. For many customers, the chocolate malt drink was a staple growing up, making the flavour instantly hit the spot, even though in a different format, he shares.

Bengaluru, where iconic, old-school ice cream parlours seamlessly rub shoulders with sleek modern creameries, the humble softy is no longer a cheap, nostalgic throwback. It has become a canvas for culinary storytelling. While traditional soft serves have long been associated with affordability, speciality versions now range from under ₹100 to more than ₹300 depending on ingredients, preparation and also presentation. Operators say hesitation around premium pricing has declined as they have become curious about speciality desserts, elevated experience and international food trends. "Customers, especially Gen Z and millennials, prioritise quality and experience over price. They're willing to invest in products that offer nostalgia and shareability. Customers appreciate flavours like Milo because they're distinct and evoke emotion," he adds.

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I, **(OLD NAME) KUMAR SAMPATH KHUSHAL KHUSHAL,** Residing at No. 77, Serpentine Road, Opposite Hopcoms, Kumara Park West, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020. have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) KUMAR SAMPATH KHUSHAL KHUSHAL** to (New Name) **KUMAR SAMPATH KHUSHAL,** vide affidavit dated 25-06-2026 sworn before Notary H.H.Nagaraj., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHAMMED NASRU,** S/o Abdul Rahim, age 55 years, R/at No. 1015, Cauvery Nagar, Near Masjid, Mahadevapura, Whitefield, Bengaluru-560 048 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **R. BABU & MOHAMMED NASRU** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 27/05/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **LAKSHMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) FATIMA MANIYAR,** residing at No. 12, Royal Apartment, FF-03, Masjid Street, Neelasandra, Bangalore-560047, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) FATIMA MANIYAR to (NEW NAME) BATUL MANIYAR** vide affidavit dated 25.06.2025 sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mr. C RAMAIAH S/o Late Chowdappa Residing at No 127/1, Bhrahmanara Bedi, Near Nagarareshwara temple, Yelahanka old town,Bengaluru -560064. Hereby solemnly declare that I have changed my name from RAMAIAH To C RAMAIAH vide affidavit dated.10.06.2026 sworn to before Notary Aruna V, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHAZIA KHANUM, Aged about 41 years, Residing at No.15/3, 3rd Main Road, 9th A Main, BTM 1st Stage, Bangalore-560029, have changed my minor son's name from IZAAN ABDUL MAJID to ZOHRAN KHAN MAJID, vide affidavit dated 25-06-2026 sworn before notary Mohammed Hussain K, Bangalore. Henceforth he shall be called as ZOHRAN KHAN MAJID only.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHRUTI SUMIT KOTHARI**, aged about 35 years, W/o. Sumit Sushil Kothari, Flat No. B-404, Pride Enchanta Apartment Opp. BHEL, Mysore Road, Deevitigeramanahalli, Bengaluru-560026, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **JAIN SHRUTI KAMALCHAND** to **SHRUTI SUMIT KOTHARI,** vide affidavit dated 25.06.2026, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SELVALAKSHMI, W/o. Jegadeesan No. 158/09, 1st Main Road, SLV Sunrise Residency, Belathur Gate, Belathur Kadugodi, Bangalore - 560067,** have changed my name to **SELVALAKSHMI SIVARAMAKRISHNAN** vide affidavit dated 26/06/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary K.C. Gowthami, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mr. SYED YAKHUB**, Son of Sri. Syed Yusuff, Aged about 29 years, Residing at House No. 250, 2nd Cross, White City Layout, Seegehalli Village, K.R. Puram, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 049, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHAIK SHAIK YAKHUB** to **SYED YAKHUB** vide affidavit dated 24.06.2026 sworn before G. Rajendra, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHELUVARAJU D S**, S/o Singara Shetty, age 77 years, R/at No. 315/8, 7th Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Hosakerehalli Post, Bangalore-560 085 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHELUVAIAH** to **CHELUVARAJU D S,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **CHELUVARAJU D S** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 25th June 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAHESHA .J.J** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANOJKUMAR SANCHETI**, C/o Pavan Kumar, Residing at No. 31, Thambuchetty Road, Frazer Town Post, Bengaluru-560005, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MANOHAR LAL JAIN MANIKCHAND** to **MANOJKUMAR SANCHETI** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MANOJKUMAR SANCHETI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 25/06/2026 sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. NAGAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **J ALEXANDER S/o G J PAUL DURAI,** residing at No.207, Jay Lake View Apt, Muddinapalya Main Road, Bangalore-560091. Do hereby solemnly declare that **J Alexander & Jesunesan Paul Durai Alexander Paul Gnanamuthu** both the names are one and the same. I further declare that I shall be called my name as **J Alexander** vide Affidavit dated 23.06.2026, sworn before Notary H R Karunakara, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANTHOSH VENGALATHUR THATYAR** Residing at No. A310 Definer Serene Drive Apts Pethana Halli, Doddagatiganabbe Hosakote Bangalore- 562114 have changed my minor Daughter's name from **HARINI VENGALATHUR THATTAIYAR** to **HARINI SANTHOSH** vide affidavit dated: 26/6/2026 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHRUTHI A R (SHRUTHI AJANTH KUMAR RANGADOL)**, aged about 40 years, D/o. Ajanth Kumar Seetharamappa Rangadol, No. 120, 3rd Main Road, 4th Cross, Radhakrishna Layout, Near Hillside Hospital, Padmanabhanagar, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHRUTHI RAKESH GUJAR** to **SHRUTHI A R (SHRUTHI AJANTH KUMAR RANGADOL),** vide affidavit dated 25.06.2026, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Mrs. SARA ASMA @ SAIRA BANU**, W/o Mohammed Rizwan Ulla Shariff @ Rizwan Ulla Shariff, aged about 60 years, R/at No.658, 4th C Cross, MM Layout, Kaval Byrasandra, Bangalore – 560032. I state that my name has been entered as **"SAIRA BANU"** instead of **"SARA ASMA"** in certain of my documents and records. Hereby I declare that my correct and actual name is **SARA ASMA**, and that **SARA ASMA** and **SAIRA BANU** refer to one and the same person, namely myself, and it refers to me only, vide Affidavit dated 26.06.2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary Prasad Shetty K.B., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **K.S. SUMANADEVI**, W/o Muniraju .N.P, aged about 52 years, R/at No.705/2, Near Om Shakthi Temple, Balagere road, Varthur, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore-560087, do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **SUMANADEVI MUNIRAJU KADUGATTOR SUBBA RAO SUMANADEVI and SUMANADEVI MUNIRAJU** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **KADUGATTOR SUBBA RAO SUMANADEVI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 25-06-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **YANKOBA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Sangeetha, aged about 34 years, W/o. Sri. Girish,** Residing at No. 22, OOF, Rishaba Nilaya, Manasa Layout, Suncity Main Road, Kengeri Upanagara, Bengaluru 560 060 Karnataka.
I have changed my name from Iramma to Sangeetha, henceforth I shall be known and called as Sangeetha for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 21/05/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary A.R. Muneer Ahmed, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ARSHIYA FAZAL W/o. E. Mohammed Fazal, Residing at No.104, 1st Main, Near Hoysala Circle, K.S. Town, Bangalore-560060 have changed my name from **ARSHIYA FASAL TO ARSHIYA FAZAL** vide affidavit Dt. 25/6/2026 Sworn before Notary Ravi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AMANULLA SHAREEF K M,** aged about 72 years, son of Late Mohammed Ali Saheb, presently resident of A & M Residency F. No. 101, M.D. Block, 2nd Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560003, I declare that below mentioned my father's names **Mahammad Ali Saheb, Mohammed Ali Saheb** and **Mohammad Ali Saheb,** belongs to one and the same person i.e., my father, vide affidavit dated 18/6/2026 sworn before K P Ramesh Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHAMMED MUDASSAR** (Old Name) S/o **S.A. SHAFIULLA** Residing at No 5, Khatha, No 34/2, GF, 20th C Cross, Aradhana Layout, Ejipura, Viveknagar, Bengaluru - 560047 have changed my name to **I S. MOHAMMED MUDASSAR** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 24/6/2026 Before Notary **Idnabba** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VENI MANOHAR**, aged about 58 years, W/o. V MANOHAR, No. 788, 1st Floor, 6th Block, 80 Feet Road, BDA Layout, Anjanapura, Bengaluru-560062, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NAGAVENI T N (NAGAVENI TADAPATRI NARASIMHACHARYA** to **VENI MANOHAR**, vide affidavit dated 25.06.2026, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

DECLARATION
I, **Narayani N @ Nagamma,** wife of Mr.Bhaskar K, daughter of Mr.Narayanappa, aged about 37 years, residing at No.155, G Street, Jogupalya, Bangalore, declare that I am known by two names Narayani N and Nagamma.
My name is recorded as **"Narayani N"**, wife of Mr.Bhaskar K, in my Aadhaar Card and PAN Card.
My name is recorded as **"Nagamma"**, wife of Mr.Bhaskar K in the Khata records and other documents pertaining to my immovable property.
I hereby state and confirm that the names **"Narayani N"** and **"Nagamma"** refer to myself and I am known and identified by both names.
This declaration is made for all purposes wherever required and also sworn to an Affidavit dated 22.01.2026 before Advocate and Notary Mr. D.B.Ramesh Bashkar at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Hamsa Lakshmi,** D/o. Vasudev Chinnappa, Aged 36 years, Residing at # A 401, Pavani Pleasant, Swami Vivekananda Road, Near Hopefarm Circle, Prashanthi Layout Extension, Bangalore North, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560 066, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **ATHREYA DUTTULURI** to **ATHREYA HAMSA DUTTULURI**. Vide affidavit dated 25.06.2026 sworn before K. Venkateshan, Advocate & Notary, Government of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHALINI RAI** wife of CHANDAN KUMAR, residing at SMQ 40/12 Akash Vihar, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560037, have changed my name from **SHALINI RAI to SHALINI KUMARI** vide affidavit dated 24 June 2026 sworn before notary JALANDHARA Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SATHISHKUMAR MANOHARAN @ M. SATHISHKUMAR**, S/o N. Manoharan, age 49 years, R/at No.18, Ground Floor, 003, Sai Deep Heera Apartments, 6th Main, 1st Cross, Behind Shiva Temple, New Thippasandra, Bangalore-560075 do hereby declare that in my son S. **Susheel Kumar** records, i.e. Transfer Certificate, ICSE Certificates my name is wrongly mentioned as **M. SATISH KUMAR** instead of **M. SATHISHKUMAR,** vide affidavit dated 10th June 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **V. SRINIVASA REDDY** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHANDRASHEKARA H S,** S/o Shivalingaiah, Aged about 45 years, R/at No. 38, Saanchi, Mahalakshmi Enclave, PH-2, Near Nice Road, Manganahalli, Bengaluru South, Kengeri Post, Bengaluru - 560060, I declare that **CHANDRASHEKARA H S,** is my correct name & the name in my daughter's marks sheet is to be changed from **CHANDRA SHEKARA H S** to **CHANDRASHEKARA H S,** vide affidavit dated 17/6/2026 sworn to before A C Subbu Swamy Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Victor Dass V.** bearing Badge No.352-23301 aged about 59 years, R/a. #445, Sir, M.V. Nagar, BEML Nagar, KGF-563115 Bangarapet taluk Kolar, have changed my wife's name in my BEML Records as **JAYANTHIMALA .A** from **SARAH JAYANTHI.** Affidavit dated 23.06.2026 sworn before notary Thangaraj.S, Kolar

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GOVIND RAJ MITHIL** (New Name) previously called GOVINDARAJU MITHIL (Old Name), Aged about 26 years, S/o. Marakottai Venugopal Govindraj, residing at No.5-5-280-16, Madeshwara Nilaya, Kodialguttu West, Kodialbail, Mangalore, D.K. District Karnataka.
I have Changed my name from **"GOVINDARAJU MITHIL"** to **"GOVIND RAJ MITHIL"** hereafter in all records, deeds and writings and in all proceedings, dealings and transactions, private use and sign the name of **"GOVIND RAJ MITHIL"** vide Affidavit dated 02.02.2026 before Notary S.Jayanth, at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Harsha Rao** S/o Late K. Vijaya varada Rao, presently residing at Spechtenkamp 361, 3607 KV Maarssen, The Netherlands. **I acquired Dutch Citizenship and holder of OCI.** I state that in my various personal Eductional, Statutory Financial and identity documents my name is mentioned as **"Harsha S. V.", "S. V. Harsha", "Harsha Sarala Vijayavarada Rao" & "Sarala Vijayavarada Rao Harsha".** All these names belongs to me only. I State that in future I will be known as **HARSHA RAO,** vide affidavit dated 26.03.2026 sworn before Advocate and Notary Uma Maheswary M. N., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAVIN MAMGAI** S/o Ghananand Mamgai, aged about 43 years, R/at Trifecta Verde En Resplandor, Row House No.60, Thirumenahalli, Trifecta Verde En Resplandor, Mandur Bendiganahalli, Bangalore-562129, do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **GHANANAND NAVIN MAMGAI** and **NAVIN MAMGAI** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **NAVIN MAMGAI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26-06-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **C. GIRI BABU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **N RUKMINI,** D/o Late Narayana Raju, age 52 years, R/at No. 3/1, 11th Cross, Rangaswamy Temple Street, Bangalore-560 053 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **RUKMINI, N RUKMINI, RUKMINI N** and **NARAYANA RAJU RUKMINI** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **N RUKMINI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19-06-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **RAMACHANDRAPPA .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mr. CHHABHAYA HIREN HARILAL, Residing at N R Doors. No 39/2, K Chansandra Bengaluru -560043, Hereby solemnly declare that I have changed my minor son's name from NEEL HIREN CHHABHAIYA To DHRUVANSH HIRENBHAI CHHABHAIYA vide affidavit dated. 23.06.2026 sworn to before Notary Y R Chandrashekhar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAHABOBJAN** W/o Mohammed Siraj, residing at No. 969, 12th Cross, Kacharakanahalli, Bangalore-560043. I have changed my name to **SHAMA. M** vide affidavit dated 24/06/2026 sworn before notary R. Nanjuda Swamy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHIVANAND HIREMATH** Residing at No. 815 Vijay Housing Colony, Bijapur College Road. Vijaypura- 586101 have changed my name to **SHIVANAND VEERAYYA HIREMATH** vide affidavit dated: 26/6/2026 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ABDUL RAHMAN, S/o. Abdul Gani, Resident of No.33/1, 2nd Floor, 5th Main, Kauser Nagar, R.T Nagar, Bangalore -560032, also known as ABDUL RAHMAN ABDUL GANI** Vide Affidavit Dated 24.06.2026 before Notary PRASAD SHETTY .K.B, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHAMMED ABDULLA** S/o Late. Ali Khan, Aged about 60 years, and residing at No.472/C, Second Floor, EWS, 6th Cross, 7th Main Road, Behind CSI Shalom Church, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bangalore-560060, I have changed my name from **(Old Name) "MOHAMED ABDULLA "** to **(New Name) "MOHAMMED ABDULLA"**. Hence forth, I would like to continue my name as **"MOHAMMED ABDULLA"** in my all future documents. Vide affidavit dated **24.06.2026** sworn before **Ravi, B.A., LL.B.,** Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **OSHAREEYA S RAI** (New Name) previously called Oshariya Rai Residing at P-716, Seventh Floor, Block 'A', Parvathi Block, Sri Tirumala Sarovar Apartments, Singasandra, Bangalore – 560 068, hereby declare that I have changed my name from ' **OSHARIYA RAI'** to **'OSHAREEYA S RAI'** vide Affidavit dated 23/06/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.N. MADHU,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JALAJA** (Old Name), W/o. Sri Ramesh Bhat, R/at No. 374, 3rd Cross, 2nd Stage, BHEL Layout, Pattanagere, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 098, have changed my name as **JALAJA RAMESH BHAT** (New Name) Vide affidavit dated 15.12.2025 sworn before Advocate & Notary S. R. Thulasikrishna, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANTHOSH VENGALATHUR THATYAR** Residing at No. A310 Definer Serene Drive Apts Pethana Halli, Doddagatiganabbe Hosakote Bangalore- 562114 have changed my minor daughter's name from **ABHIRAMI VENGALATHUR THATTAIYAR** to **ABHIRAMI SANTHOSH** vide affidavit dated: 26/6/2026 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

NOTIFICATION
I, **Mr. EKANATH L RATHOD,** S/o Lakku Rathod, aged about 40 years, R/at No.19, Shree Jagadamba Nilaya, 1st Cross, Behind Global Tech International School, Lakshmipura, Madanayakana halli, Bangalore-562162, hereby declare that my name's **Mr. EKANATH RATHOD & Mr. EKANATH L RATHOD** are one and the same names which belongs to myself only. In future I use my name as **Mr. EKANATH L RATHOD** only. Vide affidavit dated: 25-06-2026, sworn before Advocate & Notary V.Nagarajan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RUQIYA KHANUM, D.O.B: 20.02.1994, D/o. Allah Bakash, Residing at No. 30, E No Street, Slaughter House Road, Thimmaiah Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru -560051,** have changed my name to **KOUSAR** vide affidavit dated: 25.06.2026 before notary Smt. A. MANJULA, Bengaluru.

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RATING 3/5

BALARAMANA DINAGALU

Director: K M Chaitanya

Cast: Vinod Prabhakar, Vinod Prabhaakar, Priya Anand, Ashish Vidyarthi, Atul Kulkarni, Ramesh Indira, Vinay Gowdaa, Avinash, and Aditya Ashree

A SHARADHAA

THE core idea of *Balaramana Dinagalu* is best showcased through the line, "You can cleanse your hands of blood, but the stain on a name outlives the life that carried it." Eighteen years after Aa Dinagalu, director KM Chaitanya returns to Bengaluru's underworld, but this time he is not interested in the men who ruled it. He asks a more unsettling question: who created them in the first place?

Set in 1980s Bengaluru, the film follows Balarama (Vinod Prabhakar), a young man from rural Karnataka who arrives in the city in search of work, dignity, and survival. An accidental death involving Binda (Dragon Manju) becomes the turning point that pulls him into Jayaram's (Ashish Vidyarthi) orbit, where survival demands compromise, and compromise gradually becomes identity. His transformation from hopeful migrant to feared gangster mirrors Bengaluru's own evolution into a city where land, politics, business, and organised crime become inseparable.

Chaitanya's smartest decision is his refusal to romanticise the underworld. Around Balarama, men represent different layers of it. Monappa Rai (Ramesh Indira) is a calculating don with connections in Mumbai. Katthi (Vinay Gowda) runs extortion on the streets. Kotwal (Sharath Lohitashwa), in a brief appearance, feels like history walking into the frame. Shashidhar (Atul Kulkarni) carries a quiet authority shaped by years of witnessing violence. They are dangerous, but never reduced to caricatures.

Even in fiction, the film carries a sense of lived history. Chaitanya humanises figures often remembered only as gangsters. Their actions are not justified, but they are placed within a system that rewards force, fear, and negotiation in equal measure. The underworld is not separate from society. It is embedded within it. One of the film's notable moments comes when a group of unemployed youths approaches Jayaram, hoping to join his gang. Ironically, the feared don urges them to pursue honest work instead.

That contradiction sits at the heart of Balarama's journey as well. Even after becoming one of the city's most feared names, he retains his emotional core. His relationship with school teacher Revathi (Priya Anand), and his decision to help her father, retired Army officer Lt. Col Devaiah (Avinash), protect a neighbourhood from land sharks and politicians, reveal a man still capable of compassion while living outside the law.

Chaitanya's sharpest observations lie beyond gang wars. Power of attorney documents become as valuable as machetes and guns. Influence shifts fluidly among politicians, businessmen, police officers, and gangsters depending on the circumstances. Organised crime is not shown as a parallel system but as part of governance itself, raising an uncomfortable question: is politics simply another structured form of organised power?

Visually, *Balaramana Dinagalu* reconstructs old Bengaluru as it was in the 1980s, with its narrow streets, neighbourhood dynamics, and everyday textures intact. Vishwas Kashyap's grounded production design carefully restores the period detail, capturing the city's lived-in authenticity. Cinematographer HC Venu brings the retro atmosphere alive with texture and intimacy, capturing both the density of the streets and the emotional proximity of its characters.

Santhosh Narayanan's score understands both the spectacle and the soul of the film. It elevates ambitious action sequences, while also giving space to romance and quieter emotional beats. The music follows the emotions without overpowering them.

Vinod Prabhakar anchors the film with restrained intensity. He lets silence do the work, and brings a grounded physicality to the action, carrying Balarama's emotional journey with conviction. Around him, the ensemble enriches the world. Ramesh Indira holds steady as Monappa Rai, Vinay Gowda leaves a strong impression as Katthi, and Atul Kulkarni brings intelligence and gravity to Shashidhar. Ashish Vidyarthi brings his experience, while Priya Anand is the emotional thread. Every character becomes important, like Aditya Ashree's Singli or even Tommy's (Srinivas) role, to name a few.

This sprawling cast and converging storylines can feel demanding at times, but they explain Chaitanya's larger ambition to map the ecosystem that produces people like Balarama rather than isolate him as a single figure. And as the film reminds us, blood can be washed off hands, but a name carries its stains forever.

For those fascinated by Bengaluru's 1980s underworld, *Balaramana Dinagalu* is worth watching. But Chaitanya is not simply recreating an era. He is trying to understand it. Balarama is just another young man who leaves his village believing the city will fulfil his dreams, only to discover that every city comes with invisible terms and conditions. That slow shift from hope to compromise is what makes his journey unsettling.

Kannada underworld films have traditionally built larger-than-life figures forged by violence and dominance. Over the years, the genre has also explained how crime becomes tied to land, politics, and influence. However, *Balaramana Dinagalu* steps back to ask how ordinary men are absorbed into that ecosystem.

And perhaps the question it leaves us with is this: in cities that continue to reward survival over innocence, how many more names are being written the same way even today?

A monsoon romance shrouded by fear and emotional entanglement

MODA KAVIDA VAATAVARANA

Director: Suni

Cast: Sheelam M Swamy, Moksha Kushal, Saathvika, Rishi, Rekha S Prasad, and Dhananjaya Didaga

A SHARADHAA

THERE'S something about *Moda Kavida Vaatavarana* that feels perfect for watching during a monsoon. The film takes its time revealing its purpose, but it creates a mood and holds on to it. That's always been Suni's style. He trusts atmosphere over plot. The rain, mist, colours, and hills become part of the storytelling, making emotions feel as important as the events themselves.

The film opens with a father telling his daughter a story before moving into a stage play based on Yayathi. An old king trades his old age for youth, planting an idea that quietly echoes through the film. It isn't presented as mythology to be explained but as a reminder that every desire comes at a price. The film never spells out the parallel. It simply lets it remain in the background.

Next comes the spider web motif. It appears repeatedly but never loudly enough to feel like heavy symbolism. Instead, it reflects a world where people, emotions, and secrets are connected. Like a spider's web, once you are caught in it, it is hard to find a way out.

Into this world step Cherish (Sheelam M Swamy), Sathvika (Saathvika), and Souparnika (Moksha Kushal). Cherish, whose name is a blend of his parents' names, is friendly and easily gets along with everyone. Sathvika is a career-focused software engineer who is practical yet curious. Souparnika is quieter and preparing for an arranged engagement with Dhanu. On the surface, everything feels normal, but something beneath it feels unsettling.

Then the film subtly shifts. A message appears. A number reappears. A detail shows up where it shouldn't. No one breaks into a house, because the film is more interested in something more unsettling: someone has already entered a life. This intrusion is digital and behaviour-based, making it almost impossible to notice. Like a stalker who is always watching and already knows what will happen next. This reflects a modern understanding of fear. The threat is not someone outside your window. It is the trail we unknowingly leave behind: our habits, routines, and silences. Suni treats this not as a thriller device but as part of contemporary life.

There are small hints that something is not right. Some reactions feel unusual, and certain moments stay longer than expected. The film does not rush to explain them, and that restraint creates tension. Instead of providing answers, it leaves us uncertain about what is truly haunting Souparnika.

RATING 3/5

Alongside this runs the romance between Cherish and Sathvika. Their conversations about careers, dreams, and relationships bring warmth to the film. Sathvika finds herself caught between love and ambition, and sacrifice gives the romance emotional weight. Yet, even these moments are not free from doubt. Love begins to feel observed, and comfort slowly gives way to unease.

Ultimately, what ties *Moda Kavida Vaatavarana* together is Suni's control over tone. Even when the writing flirts with familiar thriller territory, the atmosphere remains steady. The film flows like changing weather, with scenes connected more by emotion than plot. Some portions could have been tighter, as the film occasionally prioritises mood over momentum. Still, Suni's confidence in the world he builds keeps you invested.

Sheelam fits naturally into this world. His long collaboration with Suni shows in the ease with which he captures the character's state of mind. He does not seek attention; he fills the frame. Saathvika and Moksha Kushal are equally effective. They express emotions through small gestures, a look, a pause, or a moment of hesitation rather than dramatic scenes. These quiet choices carry more weight than dialogue. A surprise appearance by Rish, along with Rekha in a key role through whom the exact reason is eventually revealed.

On the technical front, Judah Sandy's music and Santhosh Rai Pathaje's cinematography support the film's mood. The rain, mist, and quiet hills are not just scenic backdrops. They reflect characters who are constantly trying to see through uncertainty.

By the end, the film returns to Yayathi, not to explain everything but to complete its circle. It asks a simple question: what are we willing to give up to get what we want, and is the price worth it?

The film is not concerned with neat conclusions. It explores drift, people slipping into patterns they do not fully recognise until they are already inside them. Like the spider web motif, the film is delicate from a distance yet quietly binding up close.

The clouds, much like the title, represent more than weather. They symbolise a state of mind where love, fear, and healing coexist, and Suni simply leaves us wondering if we have been living beneath them all along.

Kichcha Sudeep's *Billa Ranga Baashaa* back on track

CE FEATURES

KICHCHA Sudeep and director Anup Bhandari's sci-fi film *Billa Ranga Baashaa* has returned to filming, marking a fresh phase of production for one of Kannada cinema's most ambitious projects.

Backed by Primeshow Entertainment, the film reunites Sudeep with Anup after Vikrant Rona, a collaboration that already proved their shared taste for scale and stylised storytelling. With *Billa Ranga Baashaa*, the duo is stepping into a futuristic action world reportedly set in the year 2209 AD.

The project has been in the spotlight since its announcement, largely for its high-concept premise and the scale of its ambition. Early promotional material, including concept visuals, hinted at a dystopian universe built around science-fiction elements blended with commercial action storytelling. That promise has kept the buzz alive, even as the film moved through a staggered production schedule.

The film officially went into production in April 2025, beginning with elaborate action sequences and large-scale set pieces designed to establish its futuristic world. Since then, the shoot has progressed in controlled phases, with planned breaks allowing the team to refine production design, visual effects planning and technical groundwork.

Meanwhile, Sudeep continues to balance multiple commitments, with four project announcements. However, *Billa Ranga Baashaa* remains a key project in his lineup, given its scale and creative ambition. The actor's involvement has been key to the film's visibility, with fans closely tracking every update from the set. However, apart from Sudeep, the makers are yet to reveal the rest of the cast and the technical crew.

Sudeep and Anup Bhandari

Blood On The Promontory expands with Kevin Rankin

CE FEATURES

FILMMAKER Ray Mendoza's upcoming Western drama feature, *Blood On The Promontory*, has added more actors to its cast. The makers announced that Kevin Rankin (*Dawn of the Planet of the Apes*), Tokola Black Elk (*Happy's Place*), Noel Fisher (*Dark Winds*), Spencer Jarman (*The Promise Land*), and Dallas Roberts (*3:10 to Yuma*).

The new members will join the previously announced cast, which includes Sam Worthington, Jai Courtney, Jack Quaid, LaMonica Garrett, and Jaeden Martell.

The film, written by Evan Cooper, follows five convicts shackled together by the foot as they attempt to escape through the mountains following a violent train robbery.

Mendoza, a former Navy SEAL, enjoyed a breakout success with *Warfare*, which he wrote and directed with Alex Garland. Nina Yang Bongiovi, Glenn Kleczkowski, Mark Gillard, and Paul Hadad are producing *Blood on the Promontory* under Big Newport Studios.

Kevin Rankin's notable feature credits include *Hulk* (2003) and *White House Down* (2013), and he made his last film appearance in *El Camino: A Breaking Bad Movie* (2019), which serves as a sequel and epilogue to the hit series *Breaking Bad*. His television appearances include *Grey's Anatomy*, *Breaking Bad*, and *The Umbrella Academy*. He is currently starring as a part of the main cast in ABC'scrime drama *RJ Decker*.

A still from the film

Karavali becomes the first film to shoot at Katapadi Kambala track

CE FEATURES

DIRECTOR Gurudatha Ganiga's Karavali, starring Prajwal Devaraj, has created a significant moment in regional cinema by becoming the first film to shoot at the 700-year-old Katapadi Kambala track in coastal Karnataka.

The historic Katapadi Kambala Track is closely tied to the traditional sport of Kambala, a centuries-old buffalo race that reflects the agrarian lifestyle, cultural pride, and collective identity of coastal communities. Despite its long-standing heritage, the venue had never been used for film shooting before, making this collaboration between cinema and tradition particularly noteworthy.

The recently released song "Soul of Karavali" has begun to resonate strongly with audiences, largely due to its rooted storytelling and emotional tone. It portrays coastal Karnataka unfiltered, highlighting the intensity of muddy tracks, the energy of the race, and the deep connection between people and tradition. The visuals avoid excessive stylization, instead focusing on authenticity and lived experience.

The film features an ensemble cast including Raj B Shetty, Sampada, Mitra, Ramesh Indira, and Sridhar, each contributing to the layered narrative.

On the technical front, the film brings together music composer Sachin Basrur, lyricist Pramod Maravanthe, vocalist Sai Vignesh, and cinematographer Abhimanyu Sadanandan, who captures the textures and mood of coastal Karnataka with clarity and realism.

Produced by Ganiga Films in association with VK Film Association, and presented and distributed by KVN Productions, Karavali is set for a worldwide theatrical release on July 24.